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## U.S. Blamed For Dollar Crisis

### BITTER COMMENT BY THE ECONOMIST

London, Aug. 22.—Britain's leading weekly financial review, the Economist, in a bitter article today blamed the United States for the worldwide dollar crisis. "The fault for the crisis—if fault there must be—is far more America's than Britain's," the Economist said.

Declaring that convertibility of sterling had only lasted five weeks, the paper said that even at the time the United States loan was negotiated, most Britons had grave doubts about its provisions. "The loan was far too small when it was made, as the British pointed out at the time," it stated.

## Security Council Uproar

Lake Success, Aug. 22.—An uproar was caused in the Security Council Chamber tonight when, at the beginning of the session on the Egyptian case, a young bearded leading member of the Muslim Brotherhood, wearing a turban, Mustafa Momen, jumped up in the public gallery seats and began to protest.

Mr. Momen shouted: "Mr. President, I come before you on behalf of all the people of the Middle East and on behalf of the Muslim Brotherhood. We demand that our case receive the justice which it deserves. Until then, thousands of people will die in a struggle for freedom."

Mr. Momen was forcibly ejected from the Security Council Chamber when he shouted his violent protest. He was waving papers in his hand and began to shout: "We demand freedom" when two guards wearing the United Nations blue uniform, accompanied by the Assistant Chief Security Officer, took Momen by the arms and hustled him from the Chamber.

Until he disappeared through the door, he continued shouting his protest. All members of the Security Council sat stunned, staring at the point where the struggling Momen's shouting and scuffling was causing the first violent demonstration in the history of the United Nations.

A throng of excited reporters followed Momen into the press lounge directly behind the Security Council Chamber.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Official Invitation

GOVERNMENT'S statement on housing released in Legislative Council on Thursday raises the same as sunshine in this rain-stricken summer—more welcome now than later. It is a straight, forward invitation to those who have building schemes tucked away, either in their minds or in blueprint form, to produce them for official consideration. Two large-scale building plans have so far received publicity. One is the Braga scheme, which aims to be non-profit making and run on co-operative lines; the other the Kadourie plan which envisages 51 per cent ownership by Government. As they stand, at this moment, there is another fundamental distinction between the two propositions: the Braga home-building scheme conceives the construction of bungalows; the Kadourie plan, flats up to six storeys. These differences, however, do not preclude the two from accepting Government's invitation to submit schemes, and the fact that Government has not a deadline for technical and financial plans to be sent to the Director of Public Works can be read as an encouragement to the authorities to submit schemes as early as possible. While it is fairly safe to assume that both Mr Braga and Mr Kadourie are in a position to submit detailed plans within six weeks, it is more important to be

assured that given official approval and the necessary financial support, they have the materials available to go ahead with building. So far this has only been implied in the public utterances made about any scheme, but it is a point on which potential home-builders or shareholders will wish to be satisfied. No serious quarrel will arise from Government's decision to offer building sites by private treaty so long as any approved housing scheme meets public requirements. Nevertheless, Thursday's statement contained one important omission: Nothing was said about the status of leased sites after the original 20 years' lease expires. Is the property automatically reverts to Government? Or does ownership pass to the lessee? The point is pertinent because, if valuable building sites are to be surrendered now at sacrifice prices, and then after 20 years, become negotiable by lessees, the degree of alienation will be unfair. It is not imagined that the proposed covenants for building schemes are fully embodied in Thursday's statement, but it must be made clear that the public would be critical of a situation which permitted cheap acquisition of land at this time from which, 20 years hence, would be derived substantial unearned profits at the expense of the community.

His plan for the implementation of this commitment was expected to be submitted to a full Cabinet meeting next Monday afternoon. Two hundred miners' delegates, who spent four hours in some very plain speaking here this morning, took two important decisions towards solving what is regarded in some quarters as replacing dollar shortages as Britain's real crisis—her lack of coal.

They unanimously passed a resolution supporting employment in mines of Poles and other European volunteer workers.

The miners referred for further negotiations the problem of longer hours.

## ABSENTEEISM

The decision on employing European workers was taken in the face of traditional opposition among the miners and goes close to the root of the whole problem of coal production in Britain.

One scheme to reduce absenteeism was to demote habitual absentees—put them back to less pleasant jobs at lower wage rates.

The meeting, feeling this plan favourable, agreed that the miners' union would not support any absenteeism against the steps taken against him by the National Coal Board.

The Government plans to lower the pressure on the country's electricity system during the winter—last year, power was cut daily at peak hours over wide areas—outlined at a fuel conference in London this afternoon.

The chief item of the plan was the general target reduction laid down by the Government of one-third of last year's maximum industrial loads—an amount being used at any one time.

Sir John Kennedy, Chairman of the Electricity Commission, said that it was hoped to set up generating plant and installations sufficient to meet the nation's power requirements in three or four years.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN COMMENT

Moscow, Aug. 22.—The first Russian comment on the British decision to ban sterling dollar conversions was made last night by the Russian publicist and historian, Dr Ivan Lamin, who said on Moscow Radio that the oppressive terms of the United States loan "weigh heavily on Britain's economy and are dragging it down."

As a result of Britain's one-sided orientation on United States aid, and owing to the rapid rise of prices in the United States, the credits provided in the loan agreement are practically exhausted," he said.

"The results of Anglo-American economic collaboration are a warning to all West European countries which are being deceived by the dollar," he added.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIAN ACTION

Canberra, Aug. 22.—It was officially announced today that Australia is to impose drastic cuts next week in imports of newsprint, films and many other commodities.

Mr Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, stated today that the Commonwealth Bank had been instructed to place "severe restrictions on dollar advances to travellers."

"On Monday, there will be a full review by myself and Senator Benjamin Courtenay, Minister of Trade and Customs, over the whole range of imports," he added.

A Government spokesman today described the deterioration in the British dollar position in the past few days as "stupendous and appalling."

There had been a rush in Australia to purchase dollars, but the Government had issued instructions for a close scrutiny of all applications for import licences.

No import licences have been cancelled however.—Reuter.

## Labourers Demonstrate In Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 22.—Police riot squads were called out in Singapore this afternoon when 3,000 striking Harbour Board labourers demonstrated outside a city police station after attending the funeral of a comrade killed in a clash with the police yesterday.

They shouted: "Death to the police!"

The police cordoned off the station and the mourners, most of whom were Indians.

Harbour Board officials earlier in the afternoon agreed to resume work tomorrow morning (Saturday) on the understanding that the Harbour Board would consider that six point demands for compensation of the dead man's dependants and guarantees that shooting would not be repeated.—Reuter.

## TRIPARTITE TALKS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

### Discussions On German Industry

London, Aug. 22.—Twenty-one British, American and French delegates met here today behind locked doors under the shadow of Soviet disapproval to discuss a decision by Britain and France to raise the level of German industry—especially steel.

The first indications of the conference, which took place at Lancaster House, the scene of the Foreign Ministers' conference on the Austrian and German peace treaties earlier this year, suggested that the day-to-day results of the talks would be kept secret.

Today's meeting, which started half-an-hour late, was expected to deal only with the scope and procedure of the talks.

According to sources close to the three delegations, today's subjects of discussion included:

1. Publicity arrangements for the conference.  
2. Discussion of demands for information on the conference received from other interested powers.  
3. Order of discussion of the main conference headings.

## LIMITED PUBLICITY

Publicity, which most delegates believed would be kept short, lasting only a few days, was likely to be limited to a brief official communiqué after today's opening session, and the final communiqué at the end of the talks.

All the sessions, it was confidently forecast, would be held behind closed doors and no arrangements for holding delegation press conferences have, so far, been announced.

The argument for secrecy, it was the principal document on which the discussion of a new level of industrial production.

## Gestapo Men Complain Of Ill-Treatment

Hamburg, Aug. 22.—Lt Col Alexander Paterson, Scotland, who is said to have served in the German Army during both World Wars, on Friday was cross-examined for three hours in a Military court in Hamburg by an attractive woman counsel, 30-year-old Dr Anna Oehlert, about the treatment of prisoners in the London district cage.

Several of the 18 accused Gestapo men who are on trial for shooting 50 Allied Air Force officer prisoners of war who escaped from Sagan, Silesia have complained about being ill-treated by Scotland and some of the officers under his command in the London cage while they were being interrogated. They have charged that they made their written statements under threats of pressure.

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## Algeria's Future

Paris, Aug. 23.—The French Socialist split forces, in a division taken in the National Assembly on the question of Algeria's future last night, when by 312 votes against 270, the Assembly decided to maintain the Government's text of the draft Algerian statute as the basis of discussion.—Reuter.

## "Moon Mad" Man Arrest

London, Aug. 22.—A man answering the description of the "moon mad" tattooed man, whom Scotland Yard have been seeking, was brought down by a policeman's rugby tackle in a crowded London street today after a two-month search.

Fearing further criminal assaults by the 25-year-old man, Scotland Yard set a precedent by publishing the fugitive's picture two days ago. Last year a public outcry followed the Health Minister's case in which a woman was murdered after a description of the wanted man had been issued. Scotland Yard claimed during the criticism that the publication of Health's photograph would prejudice the prosecution's case.—Reuter.

## ALLEGED POGROMS IN KOREA

Seoul, Aug. 22.—Allegations that "pogroms of the Leftist newspaper workers" and "mass arrests" have been carried out in Korea, undermining the work of the joint United States-Soviet Commission framing the provisional constitution, were made at a Soviet delegation press conference in Seoul today.

The Soviet spokesman alleged that the "pogroms" were directed against supporters of the 1945 Moscow agreement for the trusteeship of Korea and called upon the United States delegation to restore conditions for the work of the commission.

The United States chief commissioner, Major-General Albert Brown, said afterwards: "The Soviet delegation is attempting to interfere in the conduct of the South Korea Government. It is not a function of the commission to govern Korea."

Lieutenant-General John Hodge, United States Commander in South Korea, said that 100 people, both leftists and rightists, were still under arrest. Documentary evidence showed a widespread plan of a "revolutionary nature."

General Hodge expressed surprise that the Soviet should accuse the Americans of hindering the work of the joint committee "when many of the persons picked up" have been constantly hampering the South Korea Government, and directions have been tied up with the activities of the organisations to which some of these people belong.—Reuter.

## ANTI-BRITISH RIOTS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Aug. 22.—Police opened fire when anti-British demonstrations broke out simultaneously in Cairo and Alexandria after noon prayers today.

In Cairo, 40 people, including 10 mounted policemen, were injured and many arrests were made. Sheikh Hassan El Banna, political and religious leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, who led the demonstration, was detained for questioning.

Members of the Muslim Brotherhood, who were said to have received permission from the authorities to hold the demonstration, were reinforced by religious students who marched through the street, chanting "Down with Britain" and brandishing clubs and wooden planks.

In Alexandria, a crowd of several hundreds left a mosque and paraded through the streets, shouting "Down with negotiations." "Down with Britain, the United States, France,

## COUNTY CRICKET

### Middlesex Hold On To Lead

#### Yorks' Narrow Win

London, Aug. 22.—Middlesex, who snatched the leadership in the County cricket championship table from Gloucestershire earlier this week, today defeated Derbyshire and thus remain at the head.

A great struggle also goes on between Lancashire and Kent for the third position. The results of the games which ended today are:

At Dover: Kent beat Worcestershire by 135 runs. Kent 208 and 273. Worcestershire 139 and 207 (Jenkins 68. Dover four for 31).

At Northampton: Notts beat Northamptonshire by 230 runs. Notts 210 and 398 for five declared. Northants 158 and 223 (Bennett 66. Winrow five for 70).

At Leicester: Somerset beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Somerset 309 and 260 for four (Walford 81. Watts 51. Mitchell-Innes 62). Leicestershire 454 and 120 (Meyer four for 39).

At Derby: Middlesex beat Derbyshire by 212 runs. Middlesex 253 and 353 for five declared (Brown 150 not out. Leslie Compton 107). Derbyshire 220 and 165 (Sims four for 35).

At Leeds: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by six runs. Yorks 314 and 175 for six declared (Sellers 55 not out. Cox 183. John Langridge 73. Parke 72. Bartlett 66).—Reuter.

At Eastbourne: Sussex drew with Essex. Essex 400. Sussex 248 and 477 for six (Cox 183. John Langridge 73. Parke 72. Bartlett 66).—Reuter.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

County	Runs	Wickets	Points
Middlesex	253	10	212
Gloucestershire	253	10	204
Kent	208	10	180
Warwickshire	253	10	160
Derbyshire	220	10	150
Worcestershire	139	10	110
Gloucestershire	253	10	110
Sussex	248	10	104
Yorkshire	314	10	104
Somerset	309	10	100
Essex	400	10	84
Warwickshire	253	10	84
Notts	210	10	84
Leicestershire	454	10	68
Lancashire	253	10	68
Northants	158	10	54

## TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Brookline, Mass., Aug. 22.—Miss Louise Brough and Miss Margaret Osborne, defending their title, reached the final of the women's event in the United States doubles tennis championships here today.

They needed only 25 minutes to beat Miss Shirley Fry and Miss Barbara Kruse, of the United States, by 6-1, 6-0 in the semi-final.—Reuter.

## Favourite Beaten

Goodwood, Aug. 23.—Marcel Royance, a two-year-old, French-trained, making its English debut on second to Prince Aly Khan's Armina in the six furlong Earl of March Two Year Old stakes with £1,000 added at Goodwood on Friday.

Hercules, ridden by Charlie Elliott, a hot 4 to 1 favourite, was beaten by a head by the winner, ridden by Britain's champion jockey, Gordon Richards.

Miss Dorothy Page's Aldborough was third.—Associated Press.

## HEAT RUINS CORN CROPS

Chicago, August 22.—The nation's corn crop is scorched by the worst drought in 11 years and no relief is in sight.

Temperatures were above 100 in Dakota and in the high nineties over most of the Mid-West, the Weather Bureau said, and predicted the heat would last at least through the weekend.

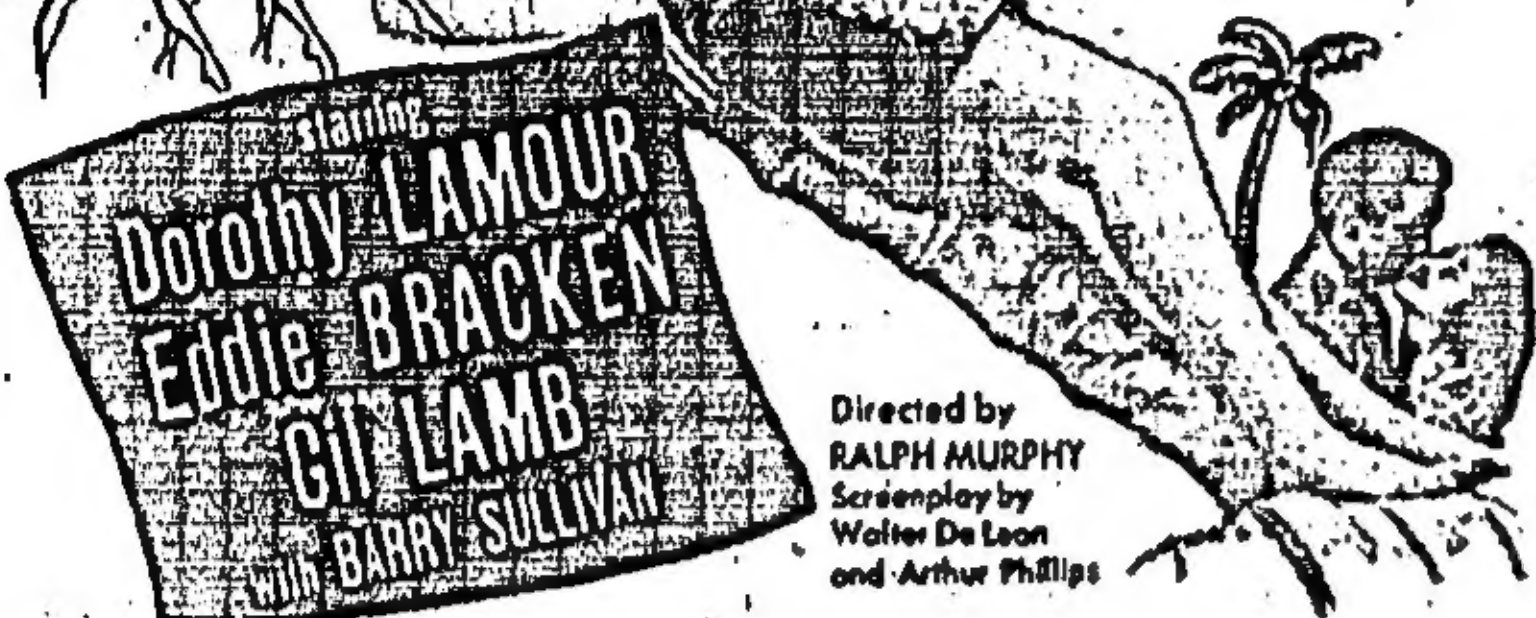
Corn conditions are so bad that one Indiana farmer hired a pilot to release carbon dioxide gas into the clouds in an effort to "manufacture" rain for his 700-acre field but only a sprinkling of moisture fell.

The Agriculture Department predicted the smallest corn crop since 1930 and feared the result would be wheat used by farmers to feed animals would be needed for export.—United Press.



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Audrey Young,  
a Paramount  
Starlet, displays  
the latest thing  
in Hollywood  
bathing suits.  
She is being  
groomed by her  
studio for big  
parts in films.**Ernest Betts**

After 'Hamlet'—Macbeth by Orson Welles

ORSON WELLES is to  
make "Macbeth" for less  
than £200,000 Trust little  
Annie Orson, as they call him,  
to make something gloomy; he  
loves a great slab of gloom be-  
neath a low ceiling.Real interest of the news is that  
Hollywood is now following Britain.  
"Henry V" started it, "Hamlet" con-  
tinues it, Orson copies it. But  
whatever he makes, it will be worth  
seeing. Gloomy or gay I watch  
Orson closely.CAROL REED's next picture will  
be a short story by Graham  
Greene ("Brighton Rock's" author)  
called "The Basement Room." Carol  
doesn't like the title. I like it—  
sinister, dramatic, box-office title.THEATRES may bump in the  
slump, be knocked sideways by  
films or by sunshine, but showman  
Billy Rose, of New York, says: "I  
don't think anything is going to  
knock off this 2,000-year-old dar-  
ling. Light will always be the flam-  
brand of the entertainment busi-  
ness."HERE'S a good, new bang-up idea  
from Carroll-Gibbons, 16-years  
band-leading at the Savoy Hotel.  
He has a couple of two-hour sum-**STRONG ON  
SARONGS**Don't let anyone tell you that  
Dorothy Lamour, sultry-voiced star  
of "Rainbow Island," now at the  
King's Theatre, is tired of wearing  
sarongs.In fact, she was so intrigued by  
the sarongs designed for her in the  
picture that she asked Edith Head,  
Paramount studio stylist, to design  
a group of evening gowns and play  
clothes patterned after the movie  
attire.Incidentally, Dottie's entire ward-  
robe in "Rainbow Island," in which  
she is co-starred with Eddie Brack-  
en and Gil Lamb, weighs exactly  
42 ounces. It consists of six changes  
of sarongs.Barry Sullivan, whom movie-  
goers will remember as the hand-  
some psychiatrist of "Lady in the  
Dark," is the romantic lead oppo-  
site Dorothy in "Rainbow Island."**Things Look Up As  
Actor Swears Off**Hollywood—Everybody's happy  
now on RKO Radio's "I Remem-  
ber Mama" set, for Philip Dorn has  
given up smoking, as required by  
the story.Dorothy Dunne is allergic to tobacco  
smoke and all others agreed Dorn's  
abstinence improved the smog situa-  
tion. In real life he quit smoking a  
year ago under doctor's orders.**THEATRE  
Directory**

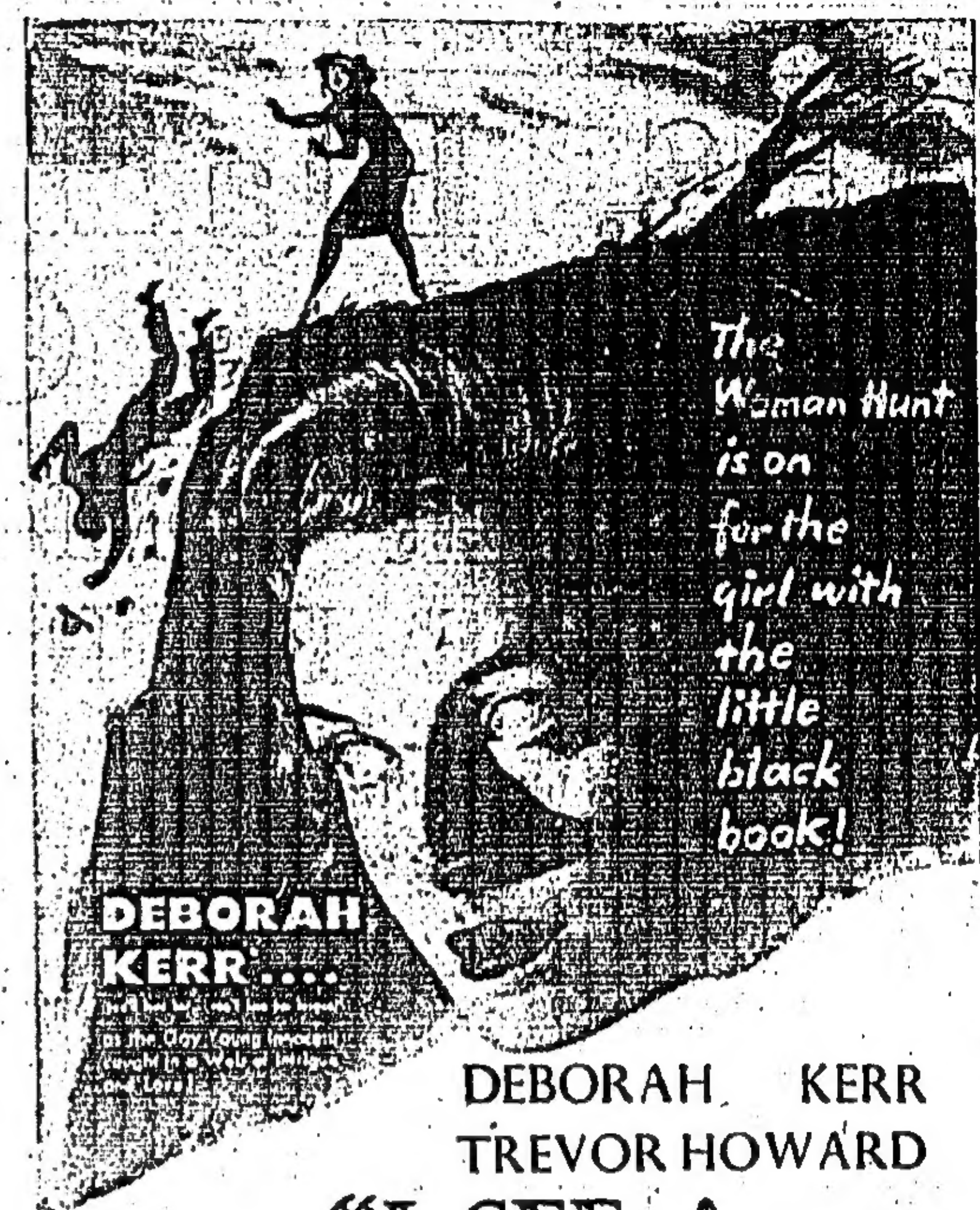
SHOWING TODAY

QUEEN'S—Mildred Pierce.  
KING'S—Rainbow Island.  
LEE—See A Dark Stranger.  
ALHAMBRA—Mildred Pierce.  
CENTRAL—Riders of Death Val-  
ley.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Hatter's Castle.  
LEE—It Happened Tomorrow.  
CENTRAL—Here Come the Co-  
eds.  
ALHAMBRA—Here Come the Co-  
eds.mer shows at Folkestone and  
Teignmouth and from these he is  
going to build up a revue repertory  
company.  
Carroll's slogan for future stars:  
"If anyone's good I'll give them a  
whack at it." The other Carroll  
(Levis) had better watch this.SURGICAL operations in films are  
not my idea of fun, but you'll  
see a good one in James Mason's  
new picture, "The Upturned Glass."  
A child has a critical brain opera-  
tion.James and director Laurence Hun-  
tington went to the Atkinson Mor-  
ley Hospital, Wimbledon, to see the  
real thing, blood, scissors and all.  
Laurence passed out after four  
minutes, but James stuck it to the  
end.A MAN is walking through  
Berkeley-square with a woman  
friend admiring her handbag. He  
asks to look at it, she says no, he  
grabs hold of it. Up comes a tall  
handsome stranger and says: "Is this  
man molesting you? Man friend  
goes to take a sock at him, looks  
again, and says: "Good heavens, Ray  
Milland!"They all shake hands. The man  
who struck at Ray Milland was  
Bertie Meadows, who owns the  
Chesterfield Club, Curzon-street;  
girl was Marie McGowan, one of the  
best-known mannequins in London.MONEY DOESN'T MEAN  
ANYTHING DEPARTMENT:  
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer are to spend  
£31,000,000 in ten years at their  
new Elstree Studios. They start in  
September.SADLER'S WELLS BALLET,  
which closed at Covent Garden  
in June 21, made £100,000 and  
two stars—Molra Shearer and Beryl  
Tray.  
Molra, who said "Yes," then "No,"  
then "Yes" to a new film about  
ballet, "Red Shoes," will miss the  
provincial tour this autumn to make  
it.**FROM SUICIDE TO SUCCESS**JOAN CRAWFORD, who has a powerful part in "Mildred Pierce,"  
now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, won an Academy  
Award for her acting in this picture. Above she is seen with  
Zachary Scott, who plays a good-for-nothing that nearly causes  
ruin for her and her daughter.**Lee Theatre**

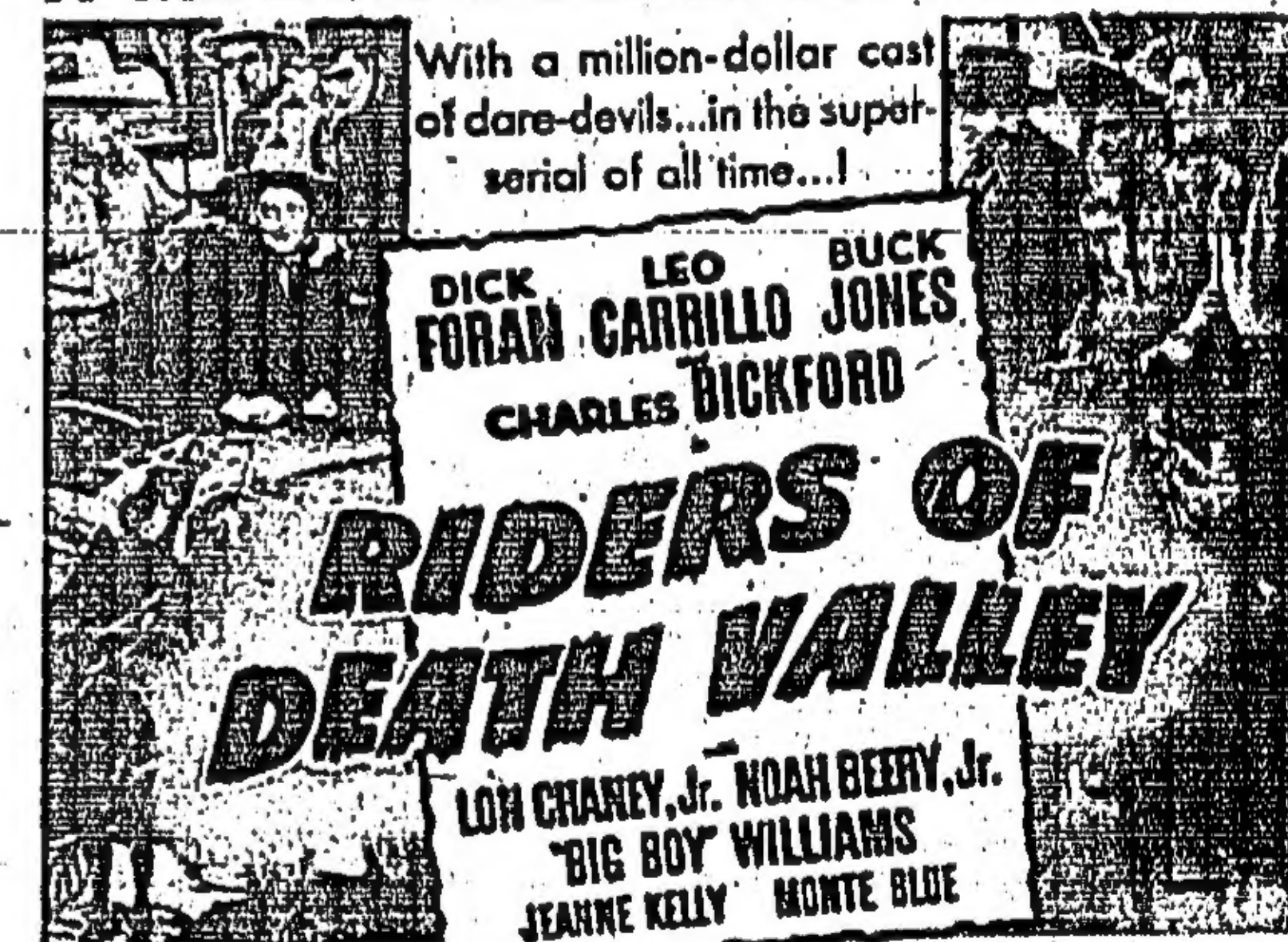
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# You remember him —by his boots!

IT'S some time since we did any history in this column, and I thought we might dig up something about the Duke of Wellington.

They are opening an exhibition of his relics at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, so I went along for a preview. Most of the things on show are presents made to the duke after his battles, and you'll notice, right away how winning a war paid better dividends than that it does now.

In one of the first showcases you come to is the centre piece of a table set that was given to the duke by the Portuguese. It cost them a quarter of a million pounds to make then, so goodness knows what it's worth now.

In another case are two things that look like giant silver candlesticks and are really oil-burning candleabra. They are more than 4ft. high and so heavy that it takes three men to lift each one. These are just a part of the present given to Wellington after Waterloo by the merchants and bankers of London. They also gave him a shield of gold and silver that is 3ft. 4ins. across.

## Gifts of plate

IN the R.A.F. I was told that it was against King's Regulations to make presentations to your senior officers, but there were no such inhibitions in Wellington's army. His junior officers gave him silver plate worth tens of thousands of pounds.

And pictures! Wellington won a collection of old Dutch and Spanish masters worth a fortune. They came from the Spanish royal galleries and were found abandoned in the luggage of Napoleon's brother after the Battle of Vittoria in 1813.

When the duke asked if he should return them the Spanish Ambassador wrote that his king, "touched by your delicacy, does not wish to deprive you of that which came into your possession by means as just as they were honourable."

Nowadays if you come back from the wars with so much as a Jerry camera and a pair of binoculars you've got to have a better story than that, or the M.P.s will take them away from you.

As for decorations, the duke had more of them than Goring. He had at least 17 orders of one thing or another, he was a prince of the Netherlands, a Spanish duke and a Portuguese count.

He was also C.-in-C. of the British Army, captain-general of the Spanish and a marshal of Russia, Austria, France, Prussia, Portugal and the Netherlands. If there'd been an

## IT'S FUN FINDING OUT by BERNARD WICKSTEED



ME—AND WELLINGTON

R.A.F. at the time he might have been marshal of that, too.

On top of all this he was given £2,000 a year when he became a viscount, £400,000 when he was made a duke and another £200,000 after Waterloo. Things were cheaper then, so he was able to do more with his money than most of us have done with our gratuities. (Mine all went on a few curtains and a carpet cleaner.)

## "Ugly Arthur"

ANOTHER thing, The Duke of Wellington had no housing problem when he'd finished fighting, because as well as everything else he was given Apsley House at Hyde Park Corner, and a country estate near Reading that cost the Government £263,000.

When he was a boy his mother called him "ugly Arthur" and said he was "fit food for powder." How right she was. With the possible exception of the Duke of Marlborough he was the only man in Britain who has ever made himself a millionaire by joining the Army.

## Birthday mix-up

IF there had been no more to it than that the people who write history books might have presumed the mother knew what she was talking about and the person had made a mistake, but in April 1790 our hero was elected to the Irish Parliament, and his opponents tried to unseat him by saying he was under 21.

The family replied by producing a nurse who was ready to testify that everybody was wrong and he was really born at Dungan Castle, Co. Meath, on March 6, 1769. In private life the duke relied on the memory of his mother and not the nurse, and celebrated his birthday on May 1. But just imagine what the civil servants would say to you today if you told them you weren't sure when you were born or where.

And now, does anybody know why the duke was called Wellington when the family name was Wellesley? The answer is that he was away fighting in Spain and Portugal when he first got into the peerage as a viscount, and so his brother at home chose the title for him. The obvious one was Lord Wellesley, but the brother discarded that for the simple reason that he was named Lord Wellesley himself. He picked out Wellington because it sounded something like Wellesley, but not so like it that people would mix them up.

The viscount at the front knew no little about all this that when he learned he'd got a new name he wrote back from the Peninsula to ask if it was after Wellington, in Somerset, or Wellington, in Dorset.

In this way the name of Wellington, Somerset (pop. 6,628) has been passed on to rubber boots, frock coats, cocked hats, light trousers, a cooling apple, a military cologne, a barracks, a regiment in the Army, the capital of New Zealand, a mountain in Tasmania, the big tree of California (Sequoia Wellingtonia gigantea) and countless public houses.

## Why "Iron Duke"?

THIS brings us to the Iron Duke. How did he get that name? At the height of his fame, when everyone was naming things after him, someone named a ship at Liverpool and christened it the Duke of Wellington. Unlike most ships at the time, this one was made of iron and was soon nick-named the Iron Duke.

It seemed to fit the real duke as well as the ship, and so it was passed on. Afterwards the Navy took the name from Wellington and gave it to a battleship. So H.M.S. Iron Duke, which was Jellicoe's flagship at Jutland and was supposed to be called after a famous general, really got its name from an obscure packet-boat that plied between Liverpool and Dublin.

When Wellington was a young officer in Ireland he fell in love with a girl called the Hon. Catherine Falkland, but her family disapproved. They didn't realise then what a lot of good the Army was going to do him.

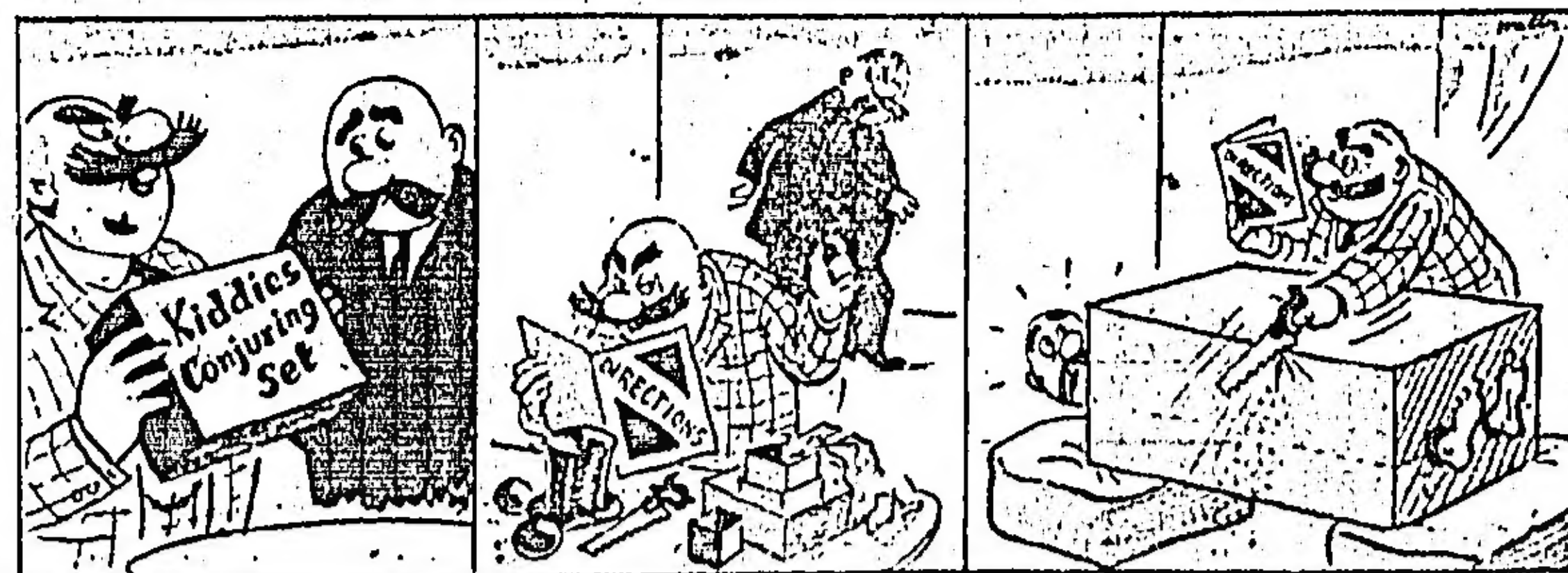
The lovers parted, and there is no record that he ever wrote to her or she to him for the next 12 years. Then he came back from India with the Order of the Garter and his luggage full of silver plate, and someone told him that the girl was still faithful to his memory.

"What!" he said. "Does she still remember me? Do you think I ought to propose to her?" He wrote straight away and asked her to marry him. She replied that she was again faithful. But he said: "Minds don't change with years." and forthwith went over to Dublin and married her in a friend's drawing-room.

For the nation  
WELLINGTON was 83 when he died, and Parliament voted another £80,000 for his funeral. Now the present Duke of Wellington has given Apsley House back to the nation to be used as a museum. With it goes the table set from Portugal, the pictures from Spain, the "candlesticks" from the bankers, gold batons, swords, snuff-boxes and jewelled orders from all over Europe. So they're yours and mine, and we have got something out of the war. If we'd lost it all these things would be in Germany now.

## DAB... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



# Thinking Aloud

...Why are women drinking so much?

by PAUL HOLT



THE surest thing we know about this postwar world we are trying to live in is that women drink. It isn't that they have taken to drink as much as they have taken to the way of drinking.

Now why? When a man walks into his favourite saloon bar these days he finds that one customer in three is a woman. He resents this.

The sight of a woman at the bar means to him that his chosen drink will run out more swiftly and that, quite possibly, the peace and good manners of the company will deteriorate. His smile, trouble and is likely to be out of temper for his evening.

He does not stop to question why women drink.

The most gracious reason comes first. She drinks because her man wants her. He takes the little woman along. He prefers her company in public, because that way he can have her and have his friends, too. So far she is passive in the affair.

But she becomes active fast. She has her own reasons for drinking. She is shabby. A man does not notice. Her stockings are about to start a run. Her gloves are stretched against the world, that studied look of cheerfulness, of understanding, of coquetry—what you will—is a mask. A drink relaxes her tension. Her terrible tension. If something goes—a ladder, a tumble of a lock of hair that feels like an avalanche, a shoulder strap or an expression—it won't matter so much.

## Tension

She drinks because she is lonely. She lost her man; she lost her home. It doesn't hurt so much in public. She doesn't feel so lost.

She drinks because she misses the excitement of war. She felt that she belonged then. She felt that she ranked and the feeling gave her an outward swagger and a good warmth inside. Now out of uniform, out of the company of other women, she has no way of swaggering and not much good feeling inside, either. A drink helps away the emptiness.

## Assurance

She drinks because her man is unhappy. She thinks she can make him more sure of himself if she goes along.

She drinks because there is nothing else to do. She would far prefer her young man to take her for a little supper somewhere. But where? So they go to the local.

She drinks because she is a nice woman and therefore has too many friends. They all drink, so she has to. Often far more than she wishes. If only her friends would only drink tea, how happy she would be.

She drinks to have something in her hand. She wishes it were a tomato juice cocktail. She asks for lime to cover up the gin.

Only rarely does she drink for the pleasure of drinking, like a man does. For the tension she seeks to gain by way of the glass are won at great risk.

She has so much more than a man to lose. Her looks, for instance. That gay little flush will stay too long one day. And her defence against the world, that studied look of cheerfulness, of understanding, of coquetry—what you will—is a mask. After a third or fourth drink the mask drops. And there she is, exposed to the world. And there's the world knowing her.

It takes a brave woman to be a drinking woman, for the weapon she takes in her hand is a cutting weapon. But then, women are brave. They do not shrink living.

## Sense

IN the private papers of the late Gertrude Stein there were discovered the following answers to a questionnaire submitted her by a woman reporter. For succinctness and good sense they cannot be bettered and they are printed here for the instruction of all public men and women.

Q: What do you look forward to?  
A: More of the same.  
Q: What do you consider your weakest characteristic?  
A: Weakness.  
Q: Why do you go on living?  
A: Why shouldn't I?

## Illusion

I SAT half-way through the now famous Italian resistance film, "Open City," sending my mind that the leading actress Ann Magnani was an amateur. Then she

made a gesture which contrived by cunning to achieve an effect, and I saw her for what she is, Italy's foremost stage star.

This is high praise, indeed. Only half a dozen times in a long, and somewhat baffling career as a film critic have I seen the like. Myrna Loy in "The Thin Man"; Lya De Putti in "Vaudeville"; Bette Davis in "Of Human Bondage"; Greta Garbo in "Bridges Endearment"; Dorothy McGuire in "The Spiral Staircase"; Margaret O'Brien reciting her Christmas story in "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes". They achieved the complete illusion. They were women, not actresses, people, not characters. It comes rarely this talent. When it does come, the screen is the place to put it.

## Searching?

OF Mr Philip Sheldermine it was said (in a Manchester divorce case) that he (1) embraced the Roman Catholic faith, (2) became a farmer, (3) became a bookkeeper, (4) joined the British Union of Fascists. I wonder what on earth he was looking for.

## Training

THE headmaster of Clifton College, Bristol, Mr B. L. Hallward, says he is going to expel some of the boys unless their parents behave better during the holidays. He has a good point. How, he asks, can he get on with the job of turning out some decent young God-fearing gentlemen if the parents don't back him up? How can he promote the good old English standards of honesty and right dealing if all the boys hear at home is gossip about the black market? But it isn't all the parents' fault. I took my son, aged 18, to see "Othello." At the end he said: "I don't see that Iago was so terribly wicked. After all, he only tried to wrangle things like money..."

## Wisdom

IN Brussels over the week-end I found the people frightened by the slump that has hit them. Shop shelves are full, but people's pockets are empty. Prices are tumbling down. Both manufacturer and middleman see bankruptcy ahead. The consumer is indifferent. All the money he has to spare goes to the black market. One businessman said to me: "We must export or we shall go broke as a nation. How wise you English were to think of that straight away..." I told him there were some people who didn't agree with him.

## Civilisation

WHEN a young African dandy takes a wife these days he is required to pay the bride's father £2 to cough and prove he is alive, £2 to open his mouth and a further £2 to negotiate for the last. But this is civilisation, indeed. Most fathers I know are only too eager to give their daughters away.

Putting it mildly, some of the exhibits on view are not altogether suitable as birthday gifts to one's maiden aunt. Gazing politely at what I feel sure were superb specimens, it struck me that our own present-day Epstein and the ancient Indians had pretty much the same attitude towards art.

## The C.S.S.G.B.?

WALKING round the Royal Horticultural Society's show I was pulled up short by a printed invitation: "Why not join the Cactus and Succulent Society of Great Britain?" For enlightenment I turned to Miss L. F. RUSSELL, representing a Berkshire firm of cactus specialists.

Miss Russell, whose stand held at least 200 different varieties, explained that succulents have leaves, cacti have not. That is the distinction.

One succulent she showed me had taken four years to grow, and was no bigger than a coat button. Another, called litop rubra, on an adjoining stand, was one of the only three of its kind in the world. It belongs to Captain H. J. DUNNE COOKE, was grown in Soho-square, and looks exactly like a tiny group of six pink throat pastilles.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"All right, we'll go to that beach resort once more—but if you don't catch husbands this time, we're going to a place where I can fish next year!"

# DEWEY: MYSTERY MAN OF U.S. POLITICS

— By William Hardcastle —

THE mystery man of American politics at present is Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York State and favourite for the Presidential (Republican) nomination in 1948.

The big news about Dewey is that he is saying nothing. He has declined to commit himself on practically every major point of controversy that has developed in this nation between parties and the United States and the outside world since last November's election.

The man who came to fame under the glare of "gang busting" publicity, most noticeably has refused any comment on the merits or demerits of the Anti-Communist Bill recently passed by Congress over a Presiden-

tial veto and in the most bitter political controversy of the year.

Another major domestic issue—taxes and whether they should be cut—has found Dewey likewise remaining silent.

The Republicans have produced two tax bills in the face of strong Presidential opposition; but Dewey—who is "favourite" for the White House for the 1948 elections—has not stated specifically whether he is for or against them.

Whether this is Olympian indifference or clever evasion is difficult to tell. Certainly, it does not, for the time being, seem to be harming his chances of advancement. Though the late President Roosevelt defeated him in 1944, he still leads all the public opinion polls for the most likely Presidential nominee for the coming elections.

## OTHER CANDIDATES

By comparison, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Senator Robert Taft, Senator John Bricker, Governor Earl Warren of California, former Governor of Ohio Harold Stassen—all of them in the running for the same nomination—are leading lively, political careers, and when not involved directly in the current conflicts, are making clear to inquiring reporters just how they feel on each issue.

Dewey, however, continues in his own quiet way—carrying on the big job of running New York State from his offices in Albany, the State capital. He holds periodic press conferences, but concentrates solely on inter-State affairs.

Important disclosures of policy. He has a host of reporters following him on what he insists should not be called "The Dewey Train"—but they are getting slim pickings.

Nine times out of ten their stories lead off with "Dewey adroitly avoided..." "Dewey declined comment..." "Dewey was non-committal..." Whenever they manage to meet the Governor face to face, he insists that he is only on a private trip, whose main purpose is to show his young sons the United States.

NO TO HOLD OUT  
One will predict if and when he will break his self-imposed silence. Some think he may choose to stay out of the main arena of political controversy as long as he can, considering that his present standing and popularity are such as to assure him victory without more than a handful of major speeches and personal appearances next year.

Unless he does change his present tactics, however, his position as far as the outside world is concerned will become increasingly mystifying. He is known to hold moderately internationalist views on foreign affairs; but how far he agrees with Senator Vandenberg, or with the present policy of the Truman administration it is impossible to say.

He has registered vague approval of continued aid to foreign countries, but he has not revealed his attitude to the Marshall Office. Nevertheless, this is the man who has at least an even chance of succeeding President Truman in the White House by the beginning of 1949—when the development of a critical stage and American-Soviet relations may be going through a similarly decisive phase.

## Skeleton Crossword

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IN the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

FOUR LETTERS: BALANCE, BOARDER, CLAY, DELAY, EYE, FARE, FORT, HOPES, LADDER, LOST, BEARD, FIVE LETTERS: BEAT, BUREAU, CURE, FUTURE, GEAR, HIDE, MOUNT, NEAT, PLEASURE, RECOVER, REJOICE, REJOICANT



EVERY SATURDAY

## WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE

2,000 To See  
Royal Wedding

By CYNTHIA LOWRY

ONLY about 2,000 hand-picked guests will witness the November 20 wedding of Princess Elizabeth, Her Apparent to the throne of England, but it will be a national holiday and a sentimental spree for millions in many parts of the world.

Austerly in out, temporarily, by popular demand, and the wedding will be the most colourful spectacle in the Empire's recent history. It may not be as grand as her parents' previous Coronation because Great Britain is in a tough financial position, but as Royal weddings go, there hasn't been anything like it for 107 years, when the bride's great-great grandmother, Queen Victoria, married Prince Albert, the bridegroom's great-great grandfather.

The ceremony will be held at 11.30 a.m. in Westminster Abbey, religious heart of the Empire and symbol of the motherland's common faith in the Anglican church.

## Abbey Marriages

The bride's parents were married in the Abbey in 1923, when George VI was Albert, Duke of York, and the Queen was a commoner, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. Elizabeth's aunt, the Princess Mary, married Viscount Lascelles in the ancient building in 1922.

The last Royal wedding was in 1934 when George, Duke of Kent, and uncle of Princess Elizabeth, married Princess Marina of Greece, first cousin of the bridegroom in the approaching nuptials, the former Prince of Greece, now Lieutenant Mountbatten of the Royal Navy.

Except that public interest will be even greater, the wedding of the Princess Elizabeth will follow closely the pattern set by that of her late uncle to the pretty Greek princess and will be in "high society" manner.

The lucky 2,000 who will be present in the Abbey, transformed from a memorial to Britain's great into an auditorium, will be chosen from the world's top drawer.

## Guest List Select

What is left of acceptable foreign royalty will attend—for most of them are related to the bride or bridegroom. So will many heads of the great nations, the peers of the Empire and the cream of the diplomatic corps.

Whether the wedding company will be as brilliant as that of George and Marina remains to be seen, for war and moths have demolished many of the ermine-tipped robes of the peers. Clothing rationing will prevent much splashy buying of new gowns or uniforms.

But most of the heart-warming pomp and circumstance will be loaded on as a morale-builder and good show for the millions who must remain outside the Abbey.

Undoubtedly the busiest man in the United Kingdom in the next few months will be King George's Earl Marshal, the young Duke of Norfolk, who actually was the "producer" of the Coronation spectacle. His is the responsibility for all royal functions, down to the last detail.

Days in advance workmen will put up flags and bunting along the route the wedding party will travel between Buckingham Palace, the royal residence, and the Abbey. Special lines will be set up to that news reporters and radio broadcasters can

and a step-by-step story of the event to the world. The Princess's trousseau will be described, every pre-wedding party reported. The young couple must live in a blaze of publicity.

## Invitations Out Early

As called for by precedent, long before the wedding day gold embossed invitations, bearing the royal coat of arms, will be sent to the list of guests. Later another communication will tell the guests where he is to sit—and what clothing will be acceptable. Service dress for the military; morning clothes for the others; decorations and honours will be worn.

Crack regiments will practise long and hard to be in top form to lead processions and fire salutes. London bobbies will train for weeks to handle crowds and emergencies. The King's glass coaches—made especially to permit the greatest number to see the royal faces—will be polished. The high-skippling Windsor greys will be given fresher courses in that they will pull the royal coach in style.

Religious custom calls for a morning wedding. Most of the invited guests will arrive at 10.45, followed at intervals of a few minutes each by non-participating royalty, high-ranking clergy and then by the Queen. The bridegroom, with two "supporters" or best men, will precede the bride into the Abbey by a couple of minutes and take their places below the altar. Then, two minutes before 11, the bride strikes the first notes of the half-hour, the Princess will arrive on the arm of her father, George VI, followed by six or eight bridesmaids, one of whom will be Princess Margaret Rose, her sister.—Associated Press.

FRIED CHICKEN IS  
AMERICAN FAVOURITE

By DIXIE TAYLOR

THE typical American dinner which we suggest to-day comes from the southern part of the United States. It is built around fried chicken.

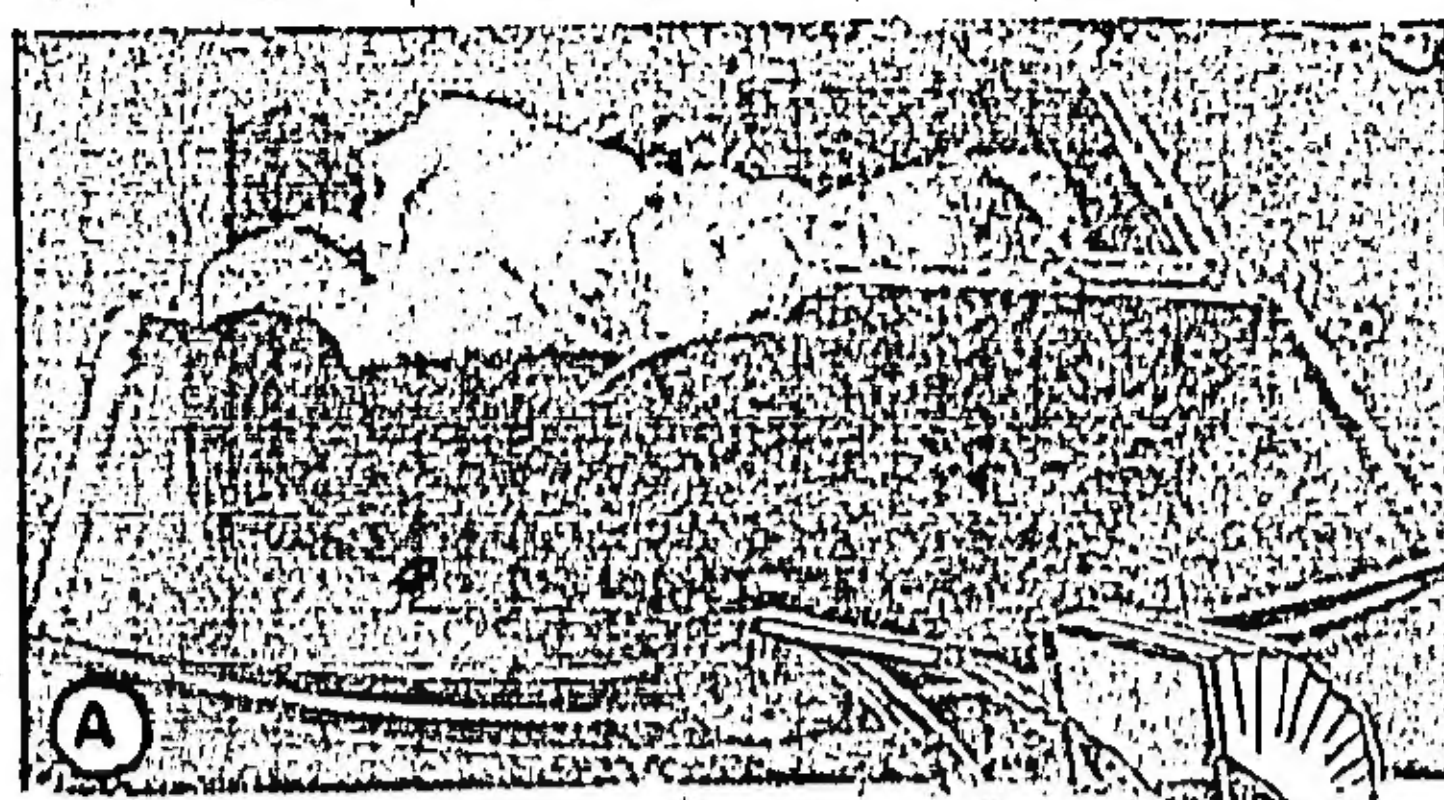
Start off with iced tomato juice, said the Colony resident who contributed the recipes. No soup, because your guests will concentrate on the chicken. For the main course serve fried chicken, mashed potatoes or fluffy boiled rice with milk gravy, green beans, buttered carrots, and hot biscuit.

Combination salad would be substituted for the carrots in the South, but the "makings" are not available in the Colony at present.

The question of how to fry chicken prompts many arguments in the United States, but our contributor calls her method "tops."

ALLOW at least one chicken for two persons. The main problem in Hongkong is to get good chickens since the local product is far less meaty than the American bird. The fowl must be young and plump, or the result will not be juicy, tasty, and tender. Cut the chicken into pieces, following the joints. Wash carefully, sprinkle with salt, and place in the refrigerator for at least three hours.

For cooking use a heavy frying pan, preferably iron. Heat at least two inches of fat in the pan. Roll each piece of chicken in flour with which pepper has been sifted, making sure that each piece gets a heavy

NEW BABY COT HAS  
FOUR OTHER USES

THE most adaptable cot you ever saw. It's the multi-service model. The prototype has just been produced by Express-render Peter Nelson Townsend, of Bromley, Kent, ex-Serviceman. Five of its uses are illustrated here.

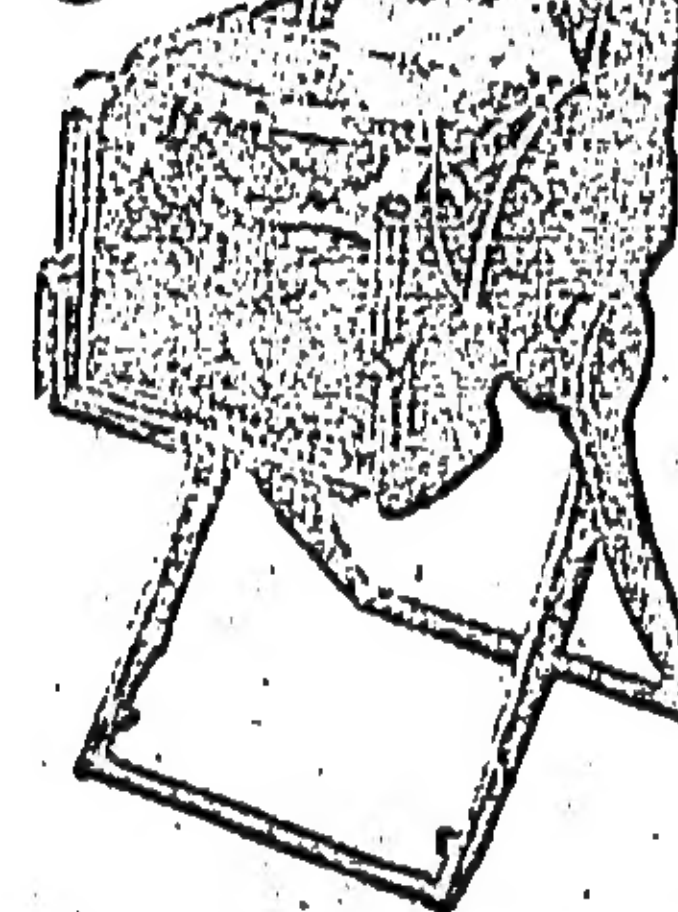
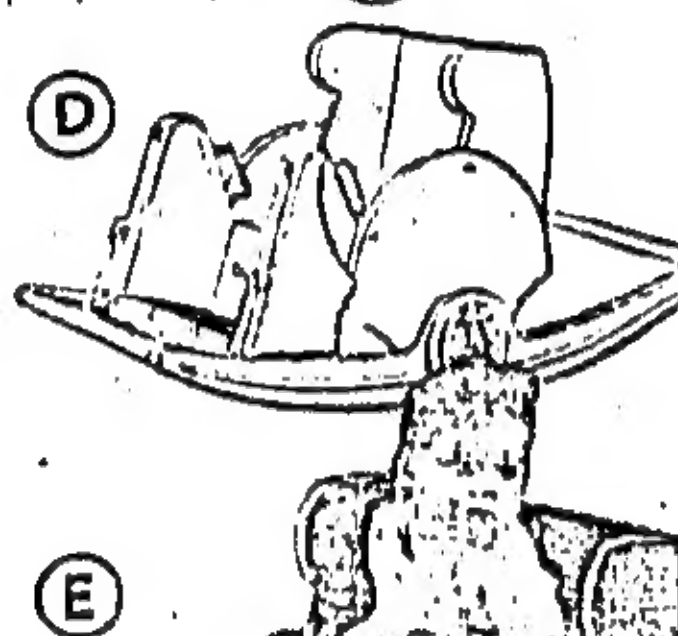
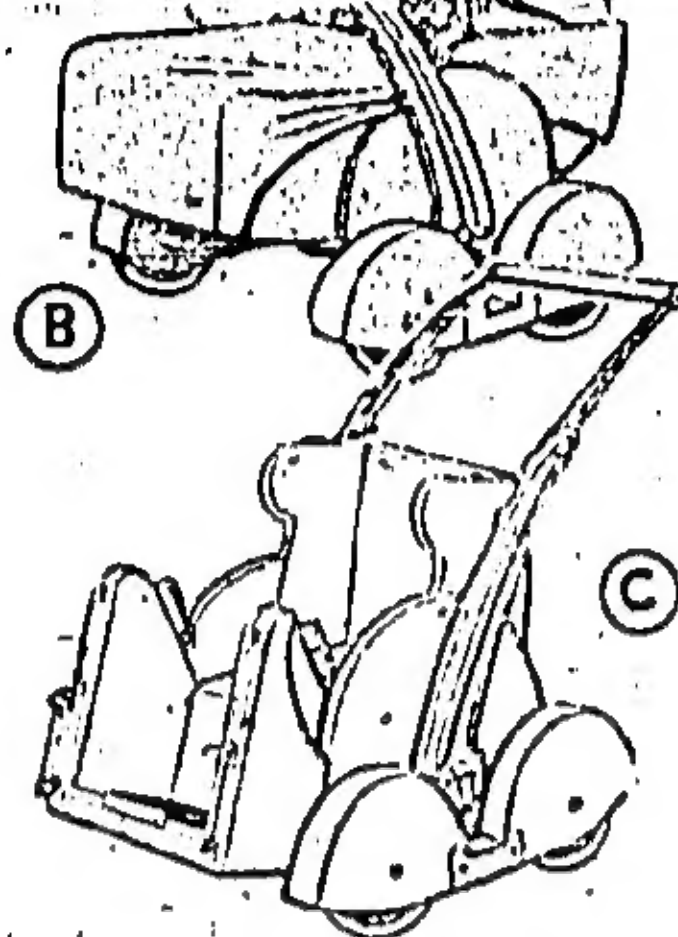
A A rocking-cot which, with a little adjustment, becomes a perambulator with wheel guards. When the baby grows out of that, a tip-up to the model provides

C A neat push-chair that, on sunny days, or indoors, can be used as a

D A rocking-chair, or, with a touch here and there, as a high chair to decorate any nursery. With tray attachment.

ANNE EDWARDS  
SAYS:

London's latest dress designer is ex-policeman Robert Freemantle. Three outstanding dresses at his first show were white organdie crinoline worn with white organdie gloves; white face-cloth suit with pistol plastic buttons; while jersey evening dress with spiral draping in Chinese green.

SHORT SKIRTS?  
NOT IN PARIS!

Paris.

PARIS' leading dressmaker, Marcel Rochas, has officially declared the short skirt dead—so there!

His recent collection was shown with skirts, even for day, 11 inches off the floor. For cocktails and little dinner models the skirts hit just above the ankle or seven inches off the floor.

Amid groans from all onlooking fashion reporters, who nervously fingered their skirts to see how much could be let out of the hem, Marcel Rochas proudly announced that this season Paris' haute couture had finally convinced the world the epoch of short skirts was over.

## Fashion Must Change

"What would fashion be if it was not always changing?" asked Rochas. Perhaps in answer to women who think they cannot afford HK\$1,800 for long full skirts by the Paris designer.

"I tried to get skirts to come down way back in 1941, but the world wasn't ready. Now women are willing—next season skirts will be even longer—you'll see."

And he beamed, because there is not much room left for them unless they hit the floor.

## Full Skirts Popular

Following his skirt lengths, the general Paris silhouette—rounded shoulders, light waist and full skirt—was also evident in his collection. One exception to the tight waist was an almond-green ensemble for cocktails, with a long jacket almost to the knees in stove-pipe shape, garnished at the bottom and cuffs with red clox. The skirt underneath was full and pleated.

In keeping with the new feminine trend, Rochas used much lace in tucks and ruffles to soften the silhouette.

One dress of grey corduroy velvet had a border of white English lace around the wide collar and was trimmed with lace at the cuffs of the three-quarter sleeves.

Two-piece cocktail dresses, mostly in black, revealed a sunback effect when the short jacket was removed. One of these was a full-skirted black lace model with a long-sleeved bolero of black satin. The bolero top underneath was pale sky-blue satin.

Rochas also presented a collection of chiffon gowns in pale autumn shades. Many had chiffon scarves draped over the shoulders like long Empire sleeves, bordered in lace of the same colour. Tops were fuzzy with tucks and lace inserts.—United Press.

W.V.S. Is  
Active In  
Hongkong

IF a British soldier, sailor, or Airman stationed in Hongkong is puzzled about shopping, about sending parcels home, or about entertainment, he knows where to turn.

He looks for "the girls in green," volunteers of the WVS whose job it is to look after the welfare of the Services. And he finds the "answer" girls, whether he is at a remote outpost in the New Territories or in the centre of town.

The Women's Volunteer Service, far from disbanding after the world-wide fighting ceased, is as busy as ever—in the Colony and in other parts of the globe where British uniforms are found. The organisation is smaller than during the war, but it is still active and its members continue to play an important part in the lives of the "other ranks."

Hongkong has 10 WVS girls, all from the United Kingdom, and three more are stationed at the NAAFI leave centre in Macao. Little known to the civilian population, the volunteers work through NAAFI, handling matters as varied as the interests of troops.

## SHOPPING SERVICE

They organise entertainment, dances, concerts, and competitions at the various NAAFI centres. They go shopping with the men, helping them purchase anything from a dress length to a special gift for a wife's anniversary.

Each one must be a walking information bureau, for questions are likely to come up anywhere the uniform appears. In addition, the group operates information bureaux at the Colony's recreation centres.

Their "say it with flowers" service, one of the more popular WVS services everywhere, assures the man away from home that the bouquet he wants delivered to his girl friend or mother will arrive on the right date.

They make regular visits to the forces in the New Territories. This work and the mobile canteens sent to outposts give many men their only opportunity to talk with a British woman. If a serviceman wants a shopping guide, they are ready to accompany and help him.

## DANCING POPULAR

One WVS member spends all her time teaching dancing and piano at the Union Jack Club, and her "pupils" give her few idle moments.

Dancing is popular with the forces, but it isn't always easy for WVS leaders to round up enough women for partners. Any woman willing to help with the dances is asked to get in touch with WVS headquarters, which are in the NAAFI office in Exchange Building.

Working in shifts, the girls are on duty in Hongkong and Kowloon from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Those on day shift run mobile canteens and information desks, do visiting, and handle shopping problems. The night shift is responsible for entertainment. Shifts are changed regularly so that activities always are varied.

Girls joining WVS for overseas service sign up for 18 months, but many serve longer. They are trained in the United Kingdom and are volunteers, receiving only expenses for the work. Their uniform is green and carries on its pocket the civil defence insignia and the name of the county from which the worker comes.

The 16 stationed here live in two messes, one in Hongkong and another in Kowloon.



This Foreign Legion safari hat was outstanding at the British Military Exhibition. It is in fawn blue felt, trimmed with deep violet velvet and black veiling.



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HISTORY OF  
A DECADE

A definitive history of the decade from 1937 to 1946, "Ten Eventful Years," will be off the presses of the Encyclopaedia Britannica this month.

Walter Yust, editor-in-chief of the Britannica, terms the period

"man's most significant decade." He says that the four-volume edition will be unique because it will have been written by the persons most important in the events described while they were fresh in mind.

Some contributors and their topics: Secretary of State George C. Marshall on the result of World War II; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on the life of the late president; Chiang Kai-shek on China; Arch. Butler on radio; and Ellis Arnall, former governor of Georgia, on the Ku Klux Klan.



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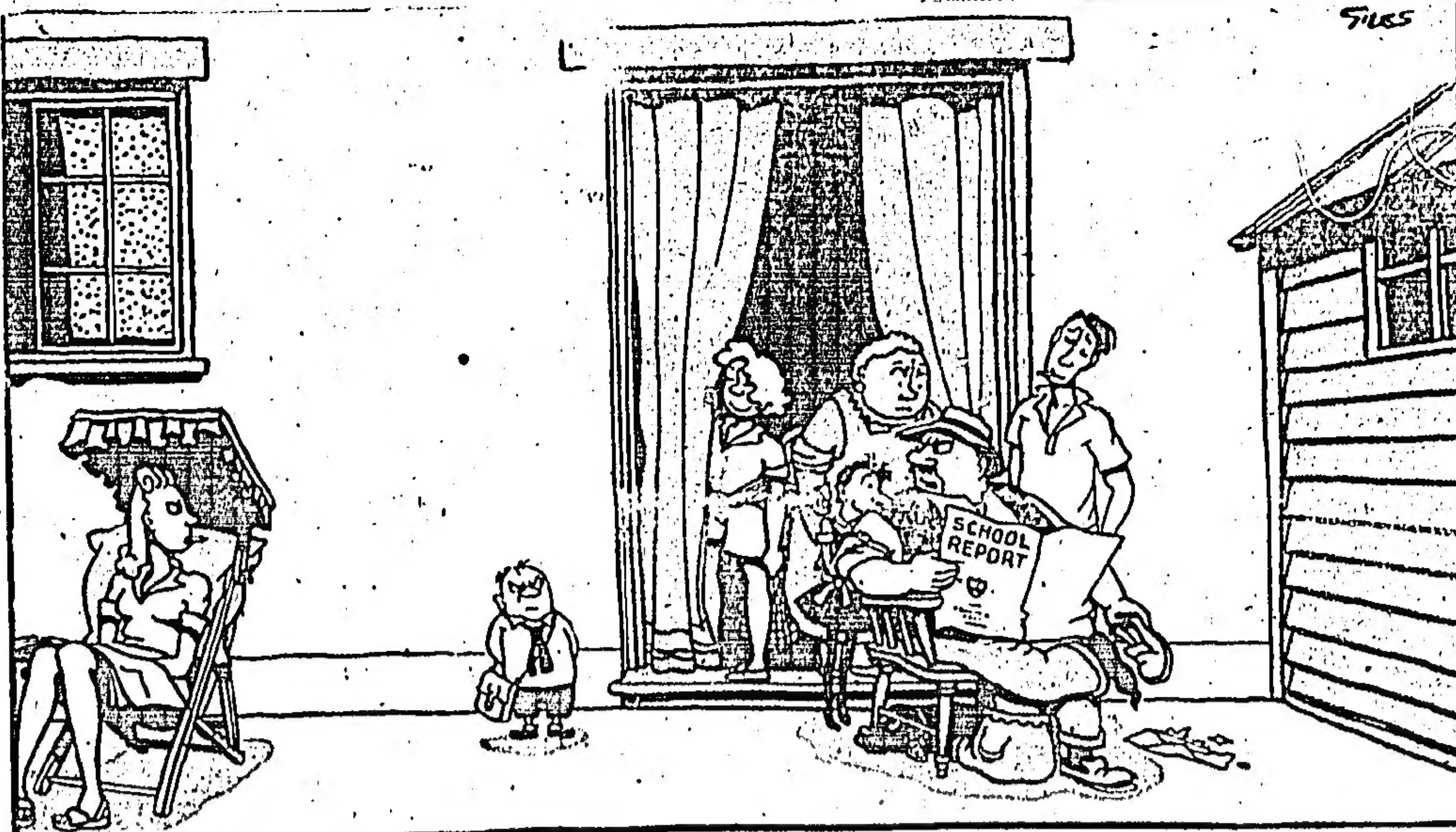


## CHANGE

Men rise and fall: they live; they love, they die,  
And are forgot: innumerable hearts  
That now are dust have played the  
burning parts.  
To which our own are throbbing: you and I  
Go swiftly through those ancient roles  
again...  
Is it not strange to think this love of  
ours,  
Now ripe with all a passion's glowing  
powers,  
Shall pass entirely from the minds of men?

'Tis like a gem no wealth could ever gauge,  
A thing of wondrous beauty, lost at sea  
In sands unfathomed, where the billow's rage  
Buries it ever deeper; there to be  
Something that dazzled in a bygone age,  
Then passed beyond the sphere of  
memory.

T. W. NATHAN



"It says here that when your teacher explained that the Nations of the World were striving in unity towards a glorious Peace, you emitted a long, low rumbling noise resembling the sound 'Burrriprrrrp'."

## CLAUD MULLINS

PEOPLE get very excited when discussing corporal punishment. Some men regard the argument as conclusive that they were beaten by their fathers or masters at school, and have, they think, benefited from the experience.

In fact, this argument is not relevant. Beatings by parents and schoolmasters are utterly different from beatings by policemen or prison officers. Why?

When a child is smacked, or even beaten, by a parent, the child knows, if it thinks about the matter at all, that the parent is doing this because he or she thinks it good for the child. In normal cases the parent loves the child and the child knows it. When a boy is beaten at school, again he knows that the master cares for his interests, and that he thinks that a beating will do him good.

In both cases the punishment follows quickly on the offence and is given by someone who is playing a big part in the child's life.

BUT none of this happens when corporal punishment is inflicted at the order of courts.

If a children's court orders a boy to be beaten, the beating has to take place "as soon as practicable." But first the child usually has to be examined by a doctor, so that the "propriety" and the "severity" of the punishment may be tested. This may cause some delay. Then the parent has a right to appeal to Quarter Sessions against the sentence. He is allowed 14 days to do this and if he does appeal, weeks or even months may elapse before the appeal is heard.

Far from the beating being given by someone who is known to care for the boy's interests, it is given by a police constable whom the boy may never have seen. Other constables usually hold the boy's hands, and perhaps his feet, too.

FOR floggings in prison, the man is strapped to a "triangle." The prison officer who does the flogging is not seen by the offender. Much care is taken about this.

It is the rule that a prisoner who is flogged can be, if he wishes, excused work for the rest of the day. On one of my visits to prisons, the Governor told me that there is in fact an extraordinary difference in the way men take floggings. Some cry their hearts out and are miserable in their cells for days. Others ask to go back to work soon after the flogging is over. The judge who orders the flogging cannot possibly know how the prisoner will take his flogging. Only an experienced psychologist could make a reasonable prediction about that.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IT is said that many people are taking to snuff. An M.P. has announced that it "leads to efficiency," whatever that may mean. You might as well say that smoking leads to integration.

Years ago Mr Robert Lynd gave me my first pinch of snuff. When I complained that it only made me sneeze, somebody said: "That is the whole point of it." Yet I noticed that Mr Lynd did not sneeze, and obviously the eighteenth century buccos could not have carried off that supercilious, plumed, followed by a drawn-out insult. If they had been sneezing all the time, now, my dear Beachcomber, I shoo shall be ever vanishingly thousands obliged if you would remove your snuffbox from my eyesore presence.

### Musical interlude

THE breaking of the F key-spring of a flute the other day during a concert reminded me of an incident which occurred when Mr Gerald Barry, that eminent flautist, was playing before the Mayor of Wolverhampton. Just as he was about to begin an arrangement of "Pip-Pip-Pip," made by Dr Arthur Wellesley, there was a loud squeak from the flute. And when Mr Barry

blew down it, suspecting an obstruction, out came a tiny mouse. "How on earth could that have got in there?" asked the Mayor. "It must have been put there, like a ship into a bottle," replied the flautist. The mayor laughed merrily, and the concert began.

### A duel behind Romano's

I HOPE actresses and critics read of the French actress who challenged a critic to a duel. When I was a boy these affairs were settled in the early morning on a small lawn behind Romano's. It was there that A. B. Walkley and Mrs Langtry fought with lobster-claws, until the seconds, Henry Dana and Marie Studholme, intervened.

### Constructive criticism

DEAR SIR, Why could not the proposed Bankside power-station be a replica of St Paul's, so as not to clash with the original? Alternately, could not St Paul's be very carefully moved to some other site? My niece, who is married to an electrician, says that he once suggested this to an architect, when it was a question of chimneys near a railway. But nothing was done.

Yrs. faithfully,  
Bertha H. Truslove

## Twice now I've lost my sight—

TWICE the gods and I have dined for my eyes. And twice I have won. I look across Falmouth Bay, and Penderennis Head stands out of the water—a little dimmer, but firm and bold in the sunshine.

The lighthouse across the Carrick Roads will wink back at me—18 seconds alight and five seconds darkness, I used to make it.

And I know now, for the second time in the last five years, that the sight I had lost is back again. Those who have known this experience will tell you that it is a moment of great joy, but one of great calm. The drama of it is all for other people.

Few people understand blindness. We fear it and push it away from our thinking.

People with sight tend to the belief that blind people are odd men out in a world that pauses for a moment to give them pity or sympathy.

In Germany or Denmark, and many of the other European countries, you will see them wandering about wearing the badge of their oddity—a yellow armband with ugly black rings on it. That yellow armband is, in fact, the badge of misplaced sympathy—the insidious bug that rots away a disabled man's desire to be independent.

I know that, if other people will let him, the blind man can lead a full, happy and self-supporting a life as anyone else.

It was an overdose of sympathy that nearly overwhelmed me into throwing all my independence into other people's hands. And there were always professional sympathisers, waiting with hands apart like avaricious wicketkeepers, for anything that came their way.

Let me give you an example, one you will all recognise. A newly blinded friend of mine is walking down the street. He is finding that he can hear the direction in which people are walking, the speed at which they are coming or going away.

He finds that he can tell the difference between a bus and a car, maybe even the make of car. He can smell whether it is gas or petrol driven. He becomes sensitive to the wall at his side, knows when there is an opening in it.

### Help that harms

BUT along comes a charming young lady and the rot has set in. My friend has no need to find his own way any more. Someone else is going to do it for him. The whittling away of his desire to become an independent man has begun. The next thing to go will be his desire to work. And, finally, the desire to think—and, with that, happiness.

The girl gets a warm glow of satisfaction, which she ought to find a little difficult to analyse.

The second thing I did was to strike a profit and loss account. I wanted to find out how socially solvent I was. Losses first.

The biggest item on either side is the loss of the ability to read and write. It is partially offset by braille, a limited and depressing asset. And there is the typewriter, which a blind man can use with rather more precision than the seeing one.

The second is the loss of freedom—freedom to climb a hill and drink in everything you can see.

I know nothing to offset this loss, for other people's descriptions are like irritating reminiscences.

The third is that of companionship. For there is in blindness an isolation that seeing people cannot realise.

If you see a man you know on the other side of the street, you dodge through the traffic and off you go together for a coffee or a drink. But not so the blind person. He must wait for the man on the other side of the street to see him. And, if the other man is a bore, he cannot avoid him.

### Frustration

THE other losses I would head under "Sundries"—the irritation of not being able to move about as quickly as other people, of not being able to ride a bicycle or play cricket, the frustration of not knowing whether the girl opposite you in the Tube is smiling or not.

## and won it back each time...

WHAT HAS IT  
TAUGHT ME?

by Vincent Evans

When I first came out of hospital and was told that my dwindling sight would soon be gone, I had the names of five types of people crossed out of my address book:—

1 The people who wrote and told me of some man, quack or otherwise, who would give me back my sight. They were the people who raised false hopes and delayed the moment when I would face facts.

2 The people who told me they thought I was wonderful. They were the people who might eventually convince me that I was.

3 The people who were jealous of my blindness, and who would say: "He can see enough when he wants to." They were the people to whom I tried to prove that I was more disabled than I really was, and in doing so I became more disabled.

4 The sympathisers who tried to run my life, instead of letting me do it for myself—professional good men and women.

5 Those who commended me to God and then sat back on their haunches. They were the people about whom Paul wrote several of his epistles.

### Friends I chose

THE people whose company I sought were those who demanded more from me than I thought I was able to give.

I sought the company of the man who walked beside me and only helped me when it became urgent, those whose sympathy had a practical turn, and those who had cheerful voices.

And, now, what of the profits? Easily first, I would place the thrill of finding out how to use hearing, smell and touch so that they replace the eyes.

All you who see look at a person's face, listen to his words and form your judgment. But the blind man depends entirely on the voice.

It can, of course, lie and tease as a beautiful face can, but it has no real mask. The querulous, the timid, the petulant voice, the confident, the merry voice, the pensive and the sympathetic—all are shorn of guile.

I would accept a blind man's judgment of character before that of a seeing man.

Comparable with the loss of mobility, I would place the pleasures of touch—finding the grain in smooth wood or being able to detect a piece of jade among other lesser wares; or finding that your ability to carve wood is far keener than the normal man's.

### Gift of thought

AGAINST the loss of ability to read, I would set the new pleasure of clear and logical thinking. At first I filled in great gaps of idleness by solving more and more complicated arithmetical problems until they became repetitive and boring.

At last, and very reluctantly, I was forced back on sheer thinking—distracted by none of the things that distracted the eye. It is a gift that simplifies life and calms the mind.

Looking back on blindness, my main feeling is one of stimulation, though there were moments of anguish—as when a night's sleep has brought forgetfulness, you open your eyes in the morning and find again that you cannot see. But these moments are soon overtaken.

I would sum up my profit and loss account like this—it is better to see than not to see, but it is better still to have done both. For there are realms of experience that none but those privileged few can know.

## GUILDS OF THE CITY OF LONDON: NO. 6

# THE SKINNERS' COMPANY

By BARRY PEAK

THE Skinners' Company—the Guild or Fraternity of Corpus Christi—received its first Royal Charter from Edward III in 1327. As one of the 12 chief Guilds of the City of London, the Company has the unusual honour of ranking alternately sixth and seventh in order of civic precedence with the Merchant Taylors' Company.

In 1484, both the Skinners' and Taylors' appealed to the Lord Mayor of London to decide who should be sixth in order of precedence—both Companies claiming the honour and right. There had been considerable strife on this point, and the Lord Mayor gave a typical arbitrator's judgment in favour of both parties. The outcome of this is that the Skinners' and Taylors' change their order of precedence on alternate years, a ritual that is emphasised each year (in normal times) when the two Companies wine and dine with each other.

During the Company's early days, the Skinners made a great contribution to the contemporary luxury fashions. A Skinner was a furrier and, in medieval Latin, was called "pelliparius." He was a merchant, a shopkeeper, or a journeyman worker, and purchased fur skins brought to London, whether native or foreign, and employed others such as tawyers in connection with them.

### Sable and Ermine

When the furs were prepared, they were made into, or used in, trimming, royal and judicial robes. At this period the wearing of expensive furs, such as sable and ermine, was restricted to royalty, the nobility and to those who gave a minimum of £100 a year to the Church. The Skinners, therefore, followed a luxury trade. In keeping with other City Companies, the Skinners played a major part in directing the manufacture and sale of furs, and regulations also provided for the punishment of those guilty of malpractices in connection with the trade.

Today, active association with the trade no longer exists, but it is interesting to note that the present Master of the Company is a member of the fur trade. This, however, is a coincidence and is not usually the case.

There is an interesting custom when a new Honorary Freeman is accepted in the ranks of the Company. The Company's arms include a lynx or leopard and it is traditional to give a reproduction of the silver leopard snuff-box to the new Honorary Freeman. The original snuff-box was presented to the Company in 1880 by Roger Kemp, Master in 1879, and is placed before the Master at all dinners and meetings.

### City Processions

When a new Master and Wardens are elected on the Feast of Corpus Christi, there is a procession on that day to the Church of St. Mary Aldermine in the City. These religious processions are part of London life, and the City traffic is brought to a standstill as the traditional procession winds its dignified way to pay homage to the patron Saint.

Today, the Skinners' Company does much good work in assisting educational and charitable works. The Court of the Company are the sole Governors of Tonbridge School, a famous public school, which was founded in 1553, and was endowed by Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor of London in 1660 and six times Master of the Company. In recent years, other schools have been founded by the Com-

pany and these include the Skinner's school at Tunbridge Wells, the Judd School, at Tonbridge, for boys, and the Skinners' School for girls at Stamford Hill, in North London.

### Famous Freeman

Many famous men are Honorary Freeman of the Company. One of the most famous to be honoured by the Company is Field Marshal the Rt. Hon. Jan Christian Smuts, of the Union of South Africa. Other famous men who have been made Honorary Freeman of the Company include Viscount Ullswater, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons, Field Marshal Lord Ironside, who was educated at Tonbridge School, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Alanbrooke, formerly Chief of the Imperial General Staff, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Portal of Hungerford, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Skinners' Hall, like so many other London buildings, suffered badly in World War II in the blitz of 1941 and from "flying bombs" in 1944. However, the Company is fortunate in retaining part of its ancient Hall. It is interesting to record that only four Clerks have held office since 1828. Records show that Kenait was Clerk to the company from 1828 to 1878, Draper from 1878 to 1911 and Lambert from 1911 to 1941. It appears that Clerks enjoy a long life in the service of the Company, and it is hoped that the new Clerk, a barrister-at-law, will continue to keep a legal and fatherly eye on his flock for many years to come.

No matter what has happened in the history of England throughout the centuries, the Guilds of the City of London have continued their unbroken service to mankind. It is the City Companies such as the Skinners that have given the City of London its traditional dignity.

NEXT WEEK:  
The Merchant Taylors

## 3 Adults Imprisoned In Bedroom

Police found two men and a woman, nearly dead from starvation, imprisoned in a bedroom of a Minneapolis boarding house.

They are Martin Anderson, 42, his brother Clarence, 38, and his sister Violet, 35. Police held for questioning Mrs Bertha Anderson, 72, who described them as "my children."

Hospital doctors said the three were emaciated, and unable to answer questions. Acting on neighbours' suspicions of "something funny" in the Anderson house, detectives discovered Martin confined in a chicken-wire cage in a first-floor bedroom.

Clarence was tied to a dirty bed with his wrists bound by leather hand-cuffs. Violet was in a bed with a sack covering her head.

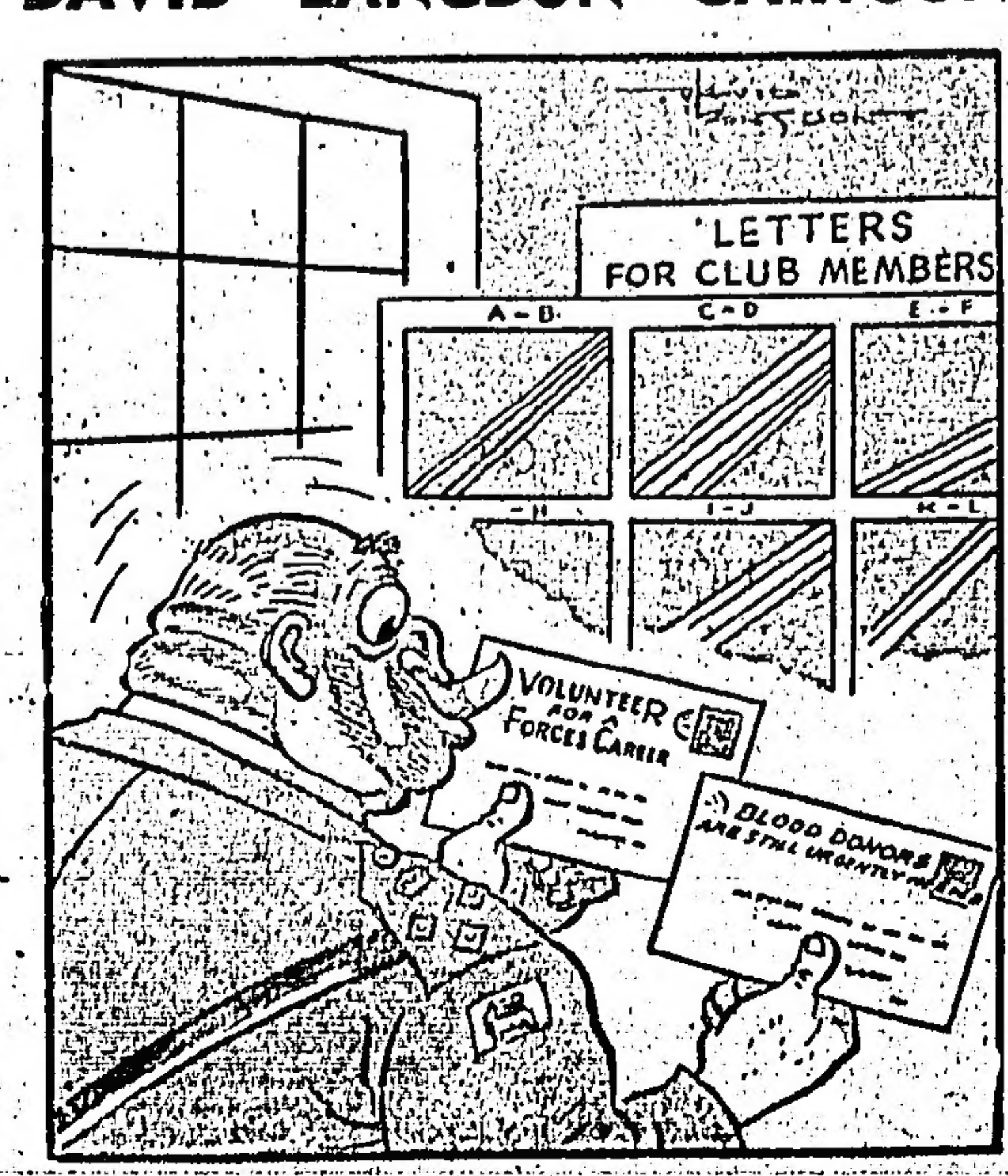
There were no sanitary facilities. Violet struggled against the police, shouting: "Mama, don't let them take me."

The others were unable to speak coherently. Police are searching for five other children in the family to obtain information.

The tenants on the ground floor were unaware of conditions in the upstairs rooms.

They described Mrs Anderson as "the perfect landlady" and "a religious woman who played hymns on the organ."

## DAVID LANGDON CARTOON





## DRAMAS OF SCOTLAND YARD

## How the slippiest burglar was caught

When clues failed a detective's hunch did the trick

IMAGINATION plays a much bigger part in the detection of criminals than is popularly supposed. I have achieved some of my best results by following "hunches."

Some men would not have been caught at all if I had not relied on intuition to anticipate the next move of a criminal and so trap him by "following in front."

Much has been written about the career and capture of "Flannelfoot," the burglar who baffled the Yard for nearly 20 years, but I have never told the story of how the bed-time tale of a little girl gave me the vital clue in tracking him, how a sudden "hunch" of mine prevented his last-minute escape.

## His 1,000 "jobs"

I WAS a chief inspector when I was put in charge of the case. There was little to go on; the record of nearly 1,000 burglaries and the strong suspicion that "Flannelfoot" was a man named Henry Edward Vickers.

Henry Vickers had deserted his wife, taken his 11-year-old daughter with him, and completely disappeared. So confident was he that on one occasion—and this is an inside secret of the Yard told for the first time—he rang us up and told us that we could have a rest as "Flannelfoot" was going on holiday.

He did, and we had a rest. But "Flannelfoot" was not above taking a busman's holiday and he paid for his rest from London by doing several jobs on the south coast!

## Chat with girl

EARLY in 1936 "Flannelfoot's" daughter was found suffering from loss of memory.

She could not give any useful description of the woman who was living with her father, and she did not know the address where she had been living with them both.

Then her mother claimed her, took her home to a country town near London.

I went to the address, found the girl in the house alone, and had a quiet chat with her.

There was little I could gain by direct questioning. I knew that, and did not worry the girl.

But I asked her about the stories that "auntie" used to tell her at bed-time: among the familiar legends and fairy tales there were vague mentions of "another little girl like me, with golden hair, only she has a limp."

"Oh, yes, and auntie told me once that when she was young she used to stand on the roadside near her home and watch the King and Queen drive down to Sandringham."

Two clues. Vague enough. A golden-haired girl with a limp and 100 miles of road between London and Sandringham. But they were something to work on.

Formal inquiries by the local police yielded no results. I went down to Norfolk myself and began a long, slow search.

At last, after many weeks, I found, in the eastern counties, the golden-haired girl who had been lame from birth.

She was in service at a country house, and I learned that her aunt from London made occasional visits to see her.

Now, "Flannelfoot" was a burglar who preyed on the working classes. His usual night for operations was Friday, his field of action the kitchens of small suburban houses, his target the householder's weekly wage packet.

by Ex-Supt. T. B. THOMPSON  
late of the 'Big Five'

When I told this to a few selected people in the neighbourhood, and emphasised that I was out for "Flannelfoot" alone and had nothing against the golden-haired girl or her aunt, I obtained willing observers.

I returned to London and waited for news.

After months of waiting, it came. I heard that the aunt was on a visit to the lame girl and was returning immediately to London by motor-coach.

With the message came a description of her appearance.

Some colleagues thought I was over-cautious when I sent one detective to join the coach and shadow her to town, another to the motor-coach terminus, and then with a colleague went myself in a car to intercept the coach en route.

But my precautions were justified. The woman gave my first watcher the slip at the start; the coach, because it had few passengers, took a short cut and by-passed my waiting car.

My reserve at the coach stop picked up the trail and followed the woman to a house in Holland-park, W.

We had found "Flannelfoot's" home. The next job was to watch his every movement.

## A tricky man

NOW, crooks are extremely sensitive to observers, and "Flannelfoot" was a smarter than most. He was up to every trick to detect and avoid shadowers.

He would walk slowly round corners and then double-back, almost colliding with his "tail" and making it extremely difficult for the follower to continue on the job without giving himself away.

If he took a "tube," "Flannelfoot" would hang about on the platform until the moving doors began to close, and would then slide between them at the last second, leaving his shadower helpless on the platform.

To keep watch on "Flannelfoot" I invented the chain shadow system, which has been extensively used since. I had a team of seven, three women and four men, continually on duty.

Four of them cruised round the nearby streets in a car. The three watchers followed each other in the chain. No. 1 tailed "Flannelfoot," No. 2 tailed No. 1, and No. 3 followed on.

When "Flannelfoot" doubled back to catch my No. 1, the detective stroled quietly by him and did not even look round.

No. 2 took up the shadowing, one of the detectives in the car got out to become the new No. 3, and the old No. 1 picked up the car on its next trip.

Thus the shadowers were continually changing, and "Flannelfoot" never had that instinctive feeling of being watched which has saved many crooks from arrest.

One Friday night we were convinced that "Flannelfoot" was going out to do a job, and we set out to catch him red-handed.

My team of seven were there ready to tail him to the end, and I sat in the office waiting for the result.

But as the evening went on, I became restive. I had a "hunch" that I should be on the scene myself.

## The Arrest

At last I could stand it no longer. I called up a Yard car and with Inspector—now Superintendent—J. D. Duncan went to Holland-park.

As my car reached the end of the street, Sergeant—now Inspector—R. N. Orson, one of my watchers, gave me the word: "It's begun. He has just left the house."

A few minutes later two of my detectives came racing back to me cursing grimly.

"Let us in, guv'nor," panted one. "Our car has broken down."

If I had not obeyed my hunch, the whole chain system would have collapsed at the start.

But my car proved even more valuable soon afterwards.

"Flannelfoot" beat my shadower on a tube train, but the detective had heard him book to Ruislip. My driver jammed his foot down, and we raced that train to Ruislip by a bare minute.

We picked up "Flannelfoot" again, lost him in the darkness, recovered him almost at once, and finally caught him, just after he had finished a burglary.

His arrest and his sentence to five years' penal servitude in December 1937—just five years before his death—were sensational news.

But no one knew how tenuous had been the threads which led us to the defeat of Britain's cleverest burglar.

## Note forger

ANOTHER outstanding case of anticipation was the capture of a banknote forger.

At that time I was a specialist in forgery and was engaged on a number of Bank of England cases.

Some excellent forgeries of £1 notes were being put into circulation, mainly in the South Wales area.

Inquiries at Cardiff yielded information that there was a clever young artist there, who could draw at parties excellent imitations of banknotes, but there was nothing to implicate him.

I kept a map showing the areas of circulation of forgeries, and later I found that similar bad notes were turning up in Wiltshire.

One of my hunches led me to make further inquiries of the Cardiff police, and they told us that their artist acquaintance had left South Wales for a village near Swindon.

I visited the village and found that he was living in a row of cottages surrounded by open fields.

Any idea of keeping observation on him by ordinary methods was out. A detective in that countryside would have been more of a landmark than St Paul's or the proposed Bankside power station.

Once again I found a good friend. A woman in the row of cottages was the daughter of a policeman. I persuaded her to help us.

But from the peculiar situation it had to be a case of "shadowing from the front."

In other words, we could not have a follower on the job. We had to have advance information of when our man had left, and in which direction, and then use our intelligence to meet him on his way.

I had a conference with Inspector R. Stevens, who was on the job with me, and finally we procured a portable wireless transmitter, taught the woman to use it, and then we awaited results.

There were a number of alarms when we were advised over the little radio that the man had left his cottage and gone away on his motor-cycle.

## Cottage raid

ON some occasions we failed to pick up the trail. On others his mission was innocent.

Then once we had a flash that he was out on the Wootton Bassett road. We picked up his trail. He went into a village shop. A Swindon detective inspector dived in after him and asked to see what money he had changed.

One of the notes was a forgery, but by the time the detective left the shop our man had vanished. But by now we were certain enough. It only remained to catch the man. When we raided his cottage we found his forging apparatus, and got a conviction.

But we would never have finished that case if we had not used the tuition and anticipation—or, as the jokesters say, waited in front.

## NEXT WEEK

Set a woman to catch a woman.

## COMMENT BY "CANDIDUS"

Don't Think There Won't Be A "Next Time"

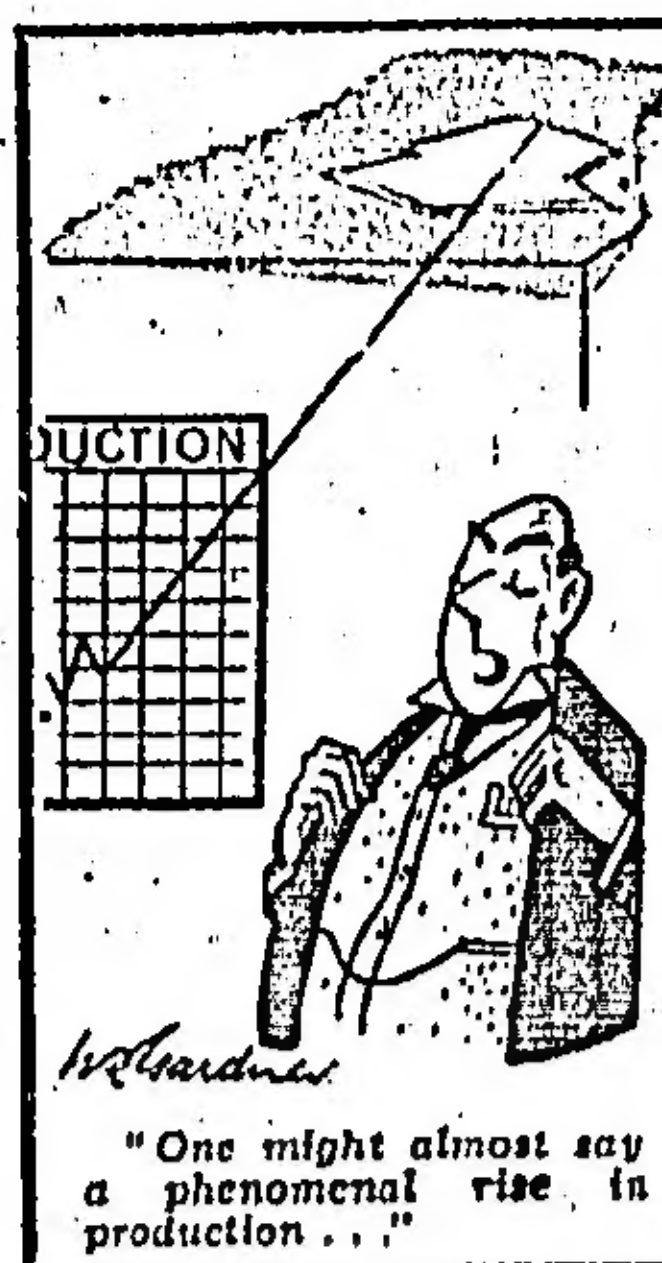
ACCORDING to an American historian of international fame, the cost of the recent "War for Survival" with its destruction, devastation and economic losses, is estimated at the sum of \$1,000,000,000,000. There were more than 20,000,000 casualties, 30,000,000 more men, women and children—driven from their homes; 10,000,000 more massacred; hundreds of thousands of homes left in ruins.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Expeditionary Forces, stated shortly after the end of the war: "The keynote of the success of the Allied Forces was unity of thought." The General went on to say that the keynote of a successful peace would be team-work and unity of purpose among the free nations of the world.

Admiral Nimitz referred in similar terms to Germany's degenerate barbarism and to Japan's savage conquest and brutal rule.

Dr Francis T. Miller, in discussing "Causes and Results of World War II" states: "Documentary evidence proves irrefutably that the Axis collapse threatened to set up a reign

## POCKET CARTOON



## NEW FIGHTER TO RIDE IN BAY OF B-36

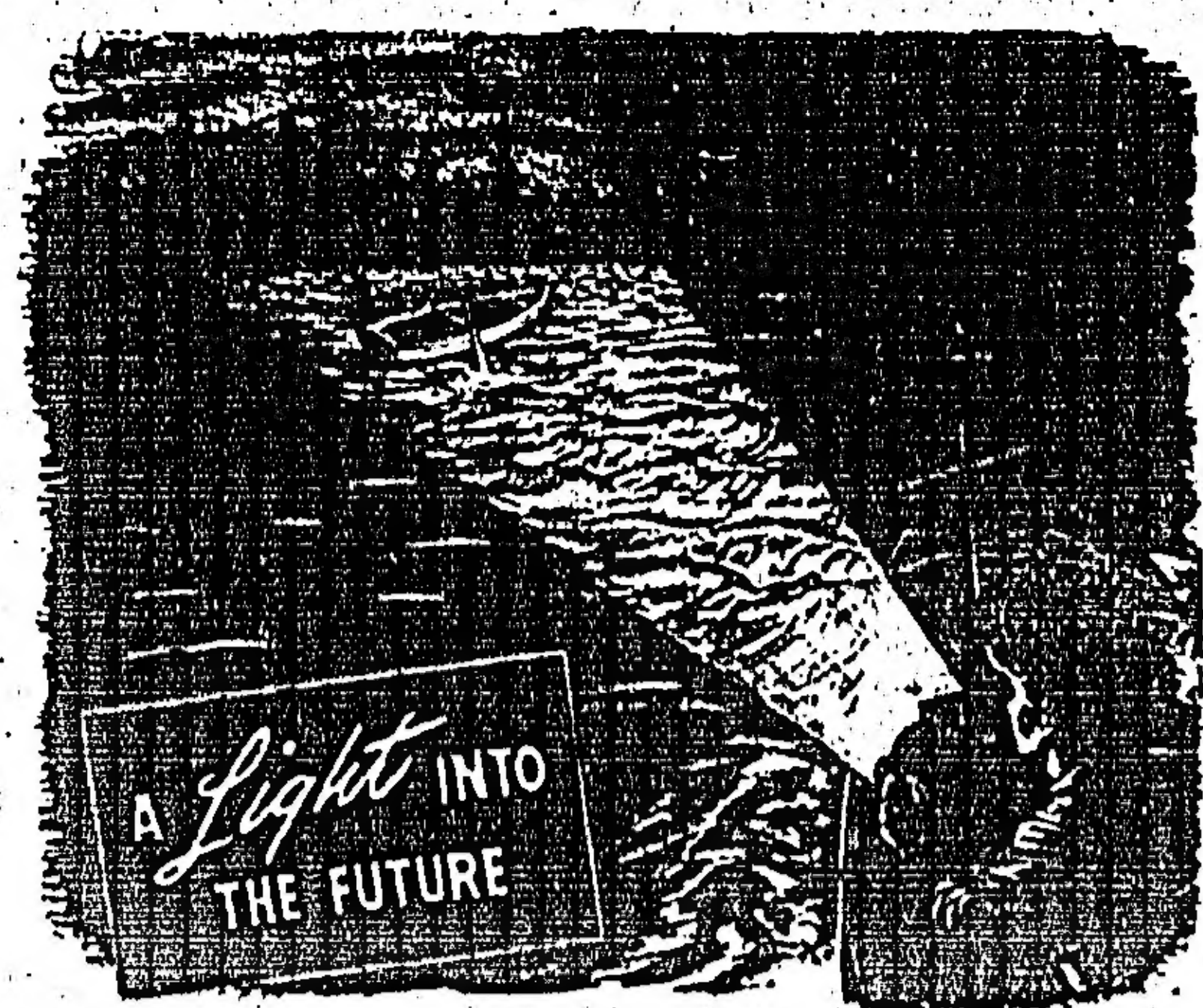
The U.S. Army Air Forces have under production a new type of fighter plane that can be carried in the bomb bay of a B-36 heavy bomber and launched in mid-air to fight off enemy attack.

This new type "parasite fighter" is now under construction at the McDonnell aircraft plant in St. Louis. It is designated the XP-85.

It has a jet engine and is expected to have a speed approaching that of the P-51 that recently set a world speed record at Muroc, California.

The USAAF would not comment on the characteristics of the plane either as to its size, performance, range or speed. But officers said it would be launched in mid-air and that it would return to the mother plane.

The B-36 bomber, a six engine plane constructed by Consolidated Vultee, has undergone its initial flight and is now preparing to be given ground tests at Wright Field, Ohio, USAAF testing centre. The B-36 is the bomber which the USAAF said could carry the atomic bomb to any inhabited region in the world and return home without refuelling.



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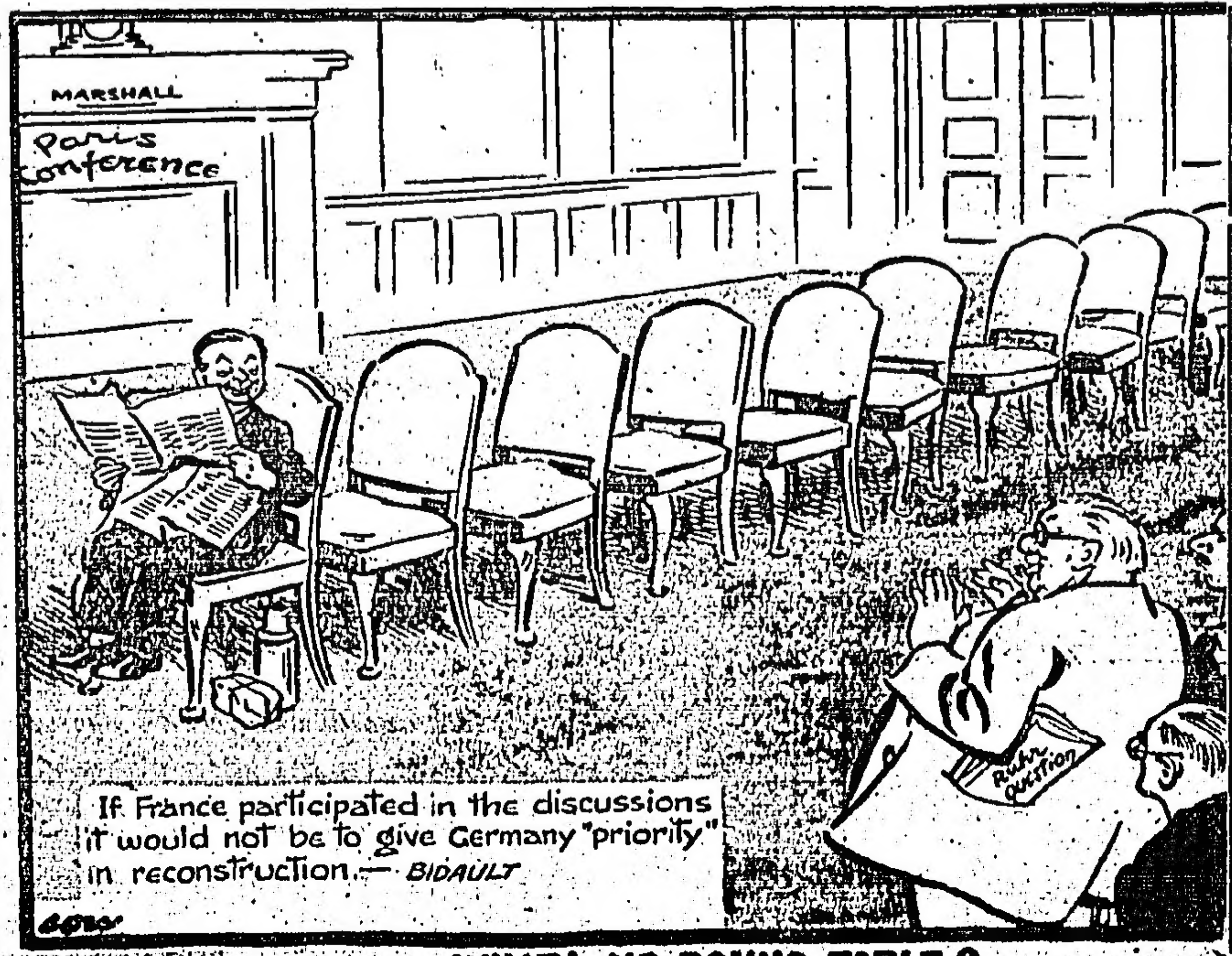
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## Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. In the U.S. July 4 is celebrated as the anniversary of—  
Boston Tea Party, adoption by Congress of the Declaration of Independence, abolition of slavery, Lincoln's birthday?
2. If you were a student of botany you would learn about—  
Tanks, rivers, Greek urns, archaeology, pollen?
3. Which organisations' motives are these—  
"Blood and Fire," "Be Prepared," "Flight the Good Fight"?
4. What is the name of this State? Its capital is the clue.



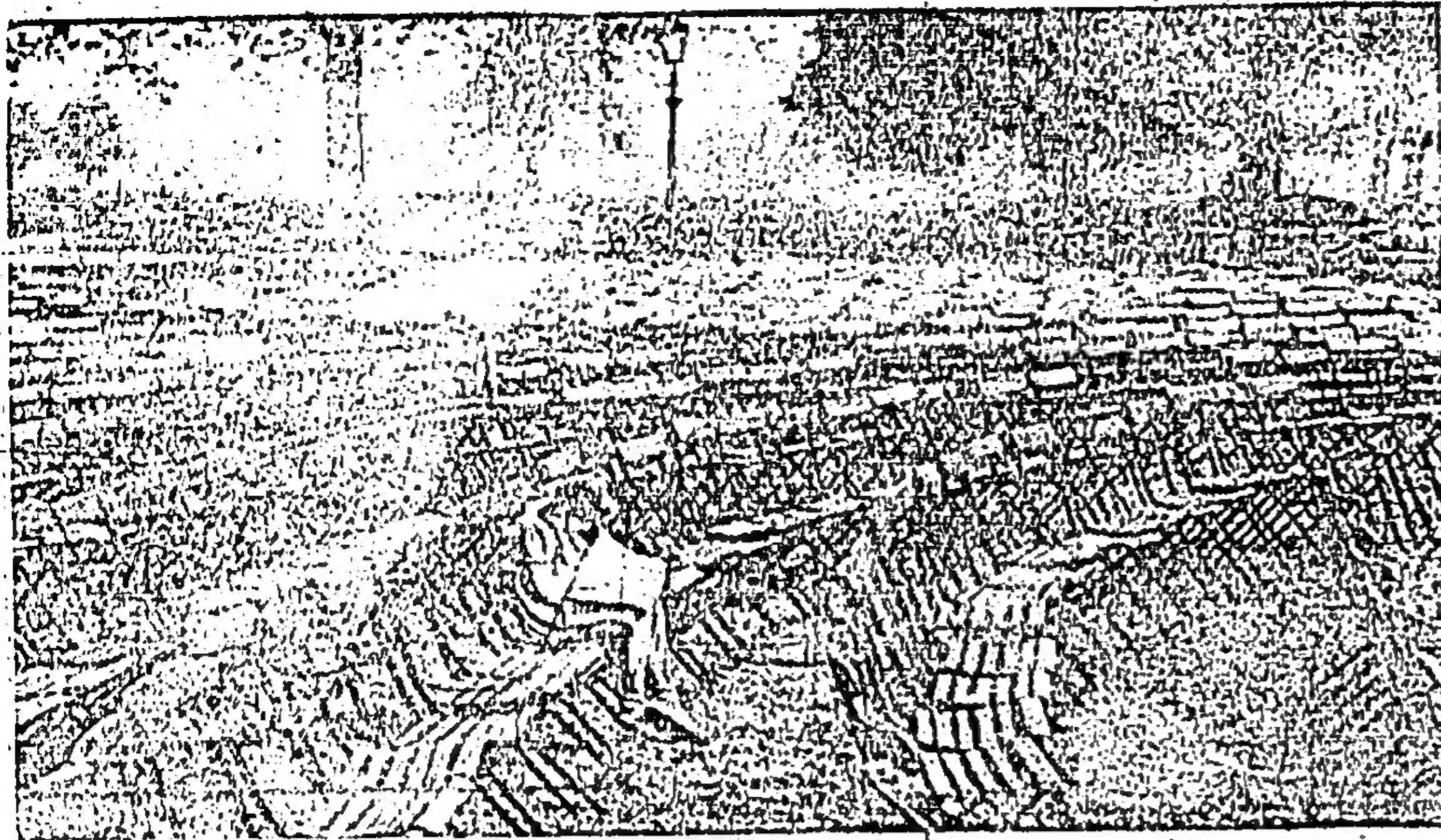
5. You would expect to find a popping grease on a cricket field—  
In line with the stumps, on square-leg's trousers, four feet in front of either wicket, at a hatch in the pavilion?
6. In which waters is the Gulf of St Vincent—  
Portuguese, Australian, West Indian?
7. These three famous men had the same name—  
Wellington's right-hand man of Waterloo; inventor of the penny postage; preacher, and hymn-writer?
8. At a parliamentary election would you be waiting your time if you canvassed—  
Feet, aliens, lunatics, convicts?
9. Which of these creatures is blind—  
Owl, mole, bat?
10. If a Red Indian handed you a calumet you would—  
Smoke it, hang it round your neck, drop it and run, drink it.

## FISH AND CHIPS IN BED

Australian war-bride Sonia Adelson, 26, was granted a divorce in San Francisco from Morris Adelson, warehouse worker, on the grounds that he ate, among other things, potato chips and salmon in bed.

Mrs Adelson told the court she would return to Australia after the birth of her expected baby.

## PICTURE OF THE DAY . . . Her seat in the park



A fine photographic study made on a clear summer's day in London.

## Geologists Engaged In Greatest Mineral Hunt

With packfuls of fanciful gadgets that would amaze last century's prospectors, geologists today are engaged in the greatest mineral hunt since the California gold rush of 1849.

On every continent, not excluding the frozen Antarctic and the congealed "sub-continent" of Greenland, 20th century rock hunters are seeking the greatest lodes of all time—deposits of uranium, thorium, carnotite, and other radioactive ores the possession of which alone will assure a nation's place in the sun for the foreseeable future.

Not only the wilderness, but also the settled areas of Europe, Asia and America are being probed for the all-important ores. The major advantage the radioactivity searcher has over the old-time gold hunter is that he does not have to see the ore to know that the mineral is present.

From aeroplanes flying at 2,000 feet or higher above the earth "Geiger counters," or mechanical devices which record radioactivity, can tell whether beneath the innocent-looking surface below there will be found uranium or its price-less cousins. With Geiger counters it may eventually be possible to prospect the floors of the oceans themselves.

What are the minerals which are being sought so avidly?

Uranium comes from pitchblende and the yellow mineral, carnotite, usually found in sandstone. It was first found in 1789. It is white and can be worked. It is very hard, but not so hard as steel. Water will tarnish it; it can be burned and, most important, it is radioactive.

Thorium is the most common of the "rare earths," and is found in every continent, but usually not in paying quantities. It was used commonly to make gas mantles for lamps. The United States recently prohibited the export of mantles made of thorium. It is white, very heavy, will burn in the open air, and can be dissolved in some acids.

Carnotite, named after the French physicist who discovered it, is used as an ore. From it is extracted uranium.

### THE RUSH

The peculiarly shaped atomic cloud had scarcely risen over the blistered ruins of Hiroshima when the rush for the world's uranium began. It is not an uncommon mineral. The uranium content of the earth's crust is about .0004 percent by weight, which does not sound much, until one realises that the weight of the crust is considerable.

Uranium is more common than bismuth, silver, mercury or iodine and it is about 1,000 times more prevalent than gold.

The British physicist, M. L. Oliphant, in a recent tour of Australia, said the known deposits of uranium were enough to supply current power needs for 100 years. An Atomic Scientists' Association booklet said: "No method of producing fissionable material without use of uranium is known or is in sight at present." But Oliphant predicted that by the time uranium gave out other elements, probably including nitrogen, would be used.

The largest known deposit of uranium is in the Belgian Congo, an enormously rich African colony which lies in the Dark Continent in a position comparable to the stomach in a man. Its navel opens on the west coast between French Equatorial Africa and Portuguese West Africa, neither of which contains comparable riches. Geologists estimate the Congo holds 60 to 70 percent of the world's supply of uranium.

The second richest site is at Great Bear Lake, in the wild northwest territories of Canada. In this day of trans-polar strategy, Great Bear Lake is in an uncomfortable position, for it would find itself in a potential combat zone in an initial trans-Arctic assault.

## TASK FORCE RCP

By A Special Correspondent

LONDON.—The Royal College of Physicians has established a task force to attack a disease from which 800,000 people are likely to suffer in Great Britain alone, a disease of youth about which little is known. The disease is rheumatic fever.

Twenty doctors with Lord Moran at the head are working to establish the tactics and strategy needed to defeat this peace-time enemy. And, as so often, it is quite certain that they cannot succeed unless the general public know what to do to help.

### Affects The Heart

Rheumatic fever is quite different from chronic rheumatism, for it is a disease of childhood and not of adults, and, unlike ordinary rheumatism, it is dangerous because it affects the heart.

It is not itself infectious, but it seems to follow very often the presence of certain germs in the throat and nose which are very commonly found and passed from one child to another.

That, indeed, is one of the chief problems of this task force, to find out the connection between these common infectious germs and the serious rheumatic fever, and devise ways of preventing one thing developing into the other.

Once a child has got rheumatic fever the problem is to limit the amount of damage to the heart, and this is largely a question of expert nursing.

### Good Housing And Food

No particular kind of child gets rheumatic fever, but it is commonest where there is overcrowding and bad feeding, and where the child's defences are weakest.

There is nothing special about that. We all know by this time that health depends on good housing and good food.

First let us explode a common error. Many children have growing pains, a sort of dull ache between their joints. These should not worry the parent, as they have nothing to do with rheumatic fever. But if a child looks pale and loses weight without seeming really ill enough to go to bed; and if this child complains of pains in the joints and perhaps limps slightly; and if all this is accompanied by the child getting tired more rapidly than seems reasonable, then the child should be examined by a doctor.

It may be nothing, but it may be the very earliest stage of rheumatic fever, and then much may depend on immediate treatment before the heart gets strained.

### Signs Of Trouble

The task force dealing with rheumatic fever points out that as the only way to fight it is early diagnosis there must be full understanding of those symptoms, not only by doctors, but by school authorities and parents.

Already in some parts of Britain special measures are being taken to watch out for signs of trouble, with the result that fewer children in these places are being handicapped. But the best weapon is parental knowledge and foresight. That alone will pull down rheumatic fever from its present position of chief cause of death from heart disease for people under 40.

Perhaps the most important point which Lord Moran's committee makes is that children who have had rheumatic fever need something more done for them than a mere cure.

After it comes rehabilitation. It is no use saving a man from death unless you go on and fit him into the pattern of social life.

## Tried to steal crown jewels



IN 1671, during the reign of Charles II, an adventurer called Colonel Blood attempted to seize the crown, globe and sceptre in the Tower of London.

Thomas Blood, former lieutenant in Cromwell's army, had turned Government spy. He had already been mixed up in several plots, including one to seize Dublin Castle and kill the Lord Lieutenant.

FOR his attempt on the crown jewels, Blood had four accomplices. First Blood visited the Tower accompanied by a woman posing as his wife.

While looking at the jewels she feigned illness. She was taken into the house of Edwards, the 80-year-old deputy keeper, and this served as an introduction. Blood soon became friendly with the old man.

Finally he suggested that a nephew of his (who did not exist) should marry the old man's daughter.

He fixed a day for a visit by the nephew and arrived on horseback with his four companions, one of whom impersonated the young man. All of them were armed with sword-canes, daggers and pistols.

While pretending to wait for his wife, Blood asked Edwards to show his friends the jewels. When the door was locked inside the Tower custom—the old man was gagged and bound and beaten nearly to death.

Blood and another man called Parrot seized the jewels but the old man's son forced his way in and roused the sentinels. After a fierce fight Blood was caught.

But Blood, who had some power over the King, obtained a pardon for himself and his gang, and eventually was given a pension.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

## "Cooling-Off Period"

By KEMP STARRETT





## SECRET AUSTRALIAN ROCKET RANGE SITE

Adelaide.—A new, secret site has been chosen for Australia's rocket range town, in the northwest of South Australia's "dead heart" country.

### Geologists In Mineral Hunt

(Continued from Page 9)

Almost every country which has sizable lots of radioactive minerals has imposed restrictions on their export and made plans for state development. Norway ordered a geological investigation and compilation of "uranium maps," and pronounced state ownership of all deposits.

Comparable steps were taken by other nations. Canada, under its National Research Council, gathered some 350 research workers and, with approval of Britain and the United States, took over the Eldorado Mining and Refining Company at Great Bear Lake. Arrangements were made with the provinces that further uranium deposits found would become the property of the national government. Sweden appointed an Atomic Commission and formed a company in which the government would have a dominant interest.

France has some low-grade uranium ores in the southern part of the country, but depends for most of her material upon Madagascar. Russia remains the enigma. Since the atom bomb first rocked the world, she has engaged in the most widespread and thorough mineral hunt in recorded times. What has she discovered? Only iron, coal, gold, copper, according to Radio Moscow.

### SOVIET EXPERIMENTS

But there are other reports that Soviet scientists are experimenting with medical applications of uranium. Vast appropriations were listed for science in each budget. Russian nuclear scientists have dropped out of the public's notice. Cosmic ray research is being carried on with a new intensity in the USSR. And no one doubts that one of the world's mightiest nations will not rest until it has a weapon equal at least to the weapons other nations possess or could manufacture.

Prof. Oliphant echoed many of his colleagues when he told a radio audience: "Practically any industrial nation the size of Belgium or bigger could learn how to make an atomic bomb in a comparatively short time, if they are willing to devote the effort to it."

Prof. Albert Einstein has repeatedly warned: "It is useless to attempt to prepare for protection against atomic war. There is no defence now and we can expect none."

Most people hope that the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission will arrive at a workable plan to internationalise raw materials before nations, fearing atomic obliteration, seek to assure by violent means their own supplies of the world's most violent substance.

Fortunately, the three Great Powers—the United States, Russia and Britain—each have enough uranium and thorium for the foreseeable future. Until the world's entire mineral resources are found, "colonial grab" to take over a uranium-rich territory and so to eliminate the possibility of another state getting it seems unlikely.

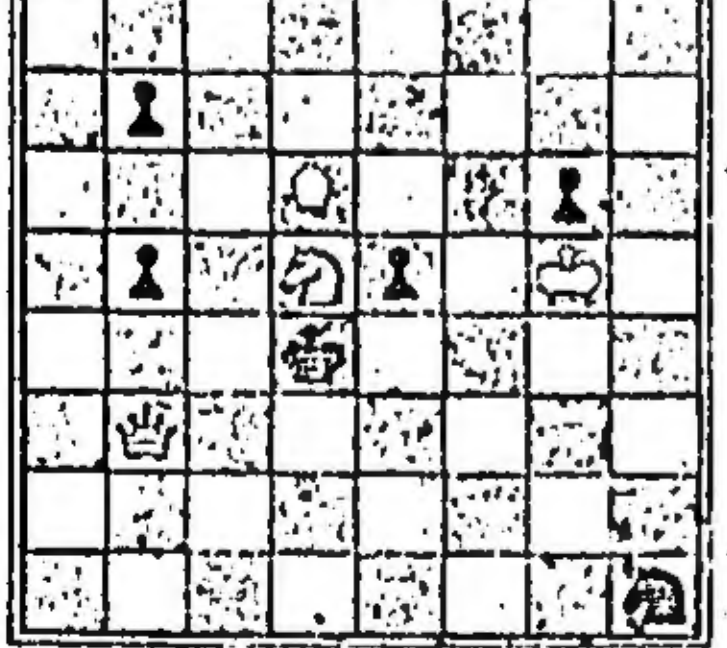
### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle:  
Across: 1 and 10 Down, Hampstead Heath; 8, Ample; 9, Arch; 11, Ritual; 13, Cue; 15, Kit; 16, Oyster; 17, Net; 19, Natter; 22, Gnome; 24, Zoro; 25, Stars; 26, Eastwards.  
Down: 1, Harmonizer; 2, Amity; 3, Plum; 4, Sea; 5, Talk; 6, Acute; 10, See; 1 Across; 12, Taster; 13, Cinema; 14, Teens; 19, Area; 20, Rotat; 21, Herd; 22, Golt; 23, Ass.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By J. PILNACEK

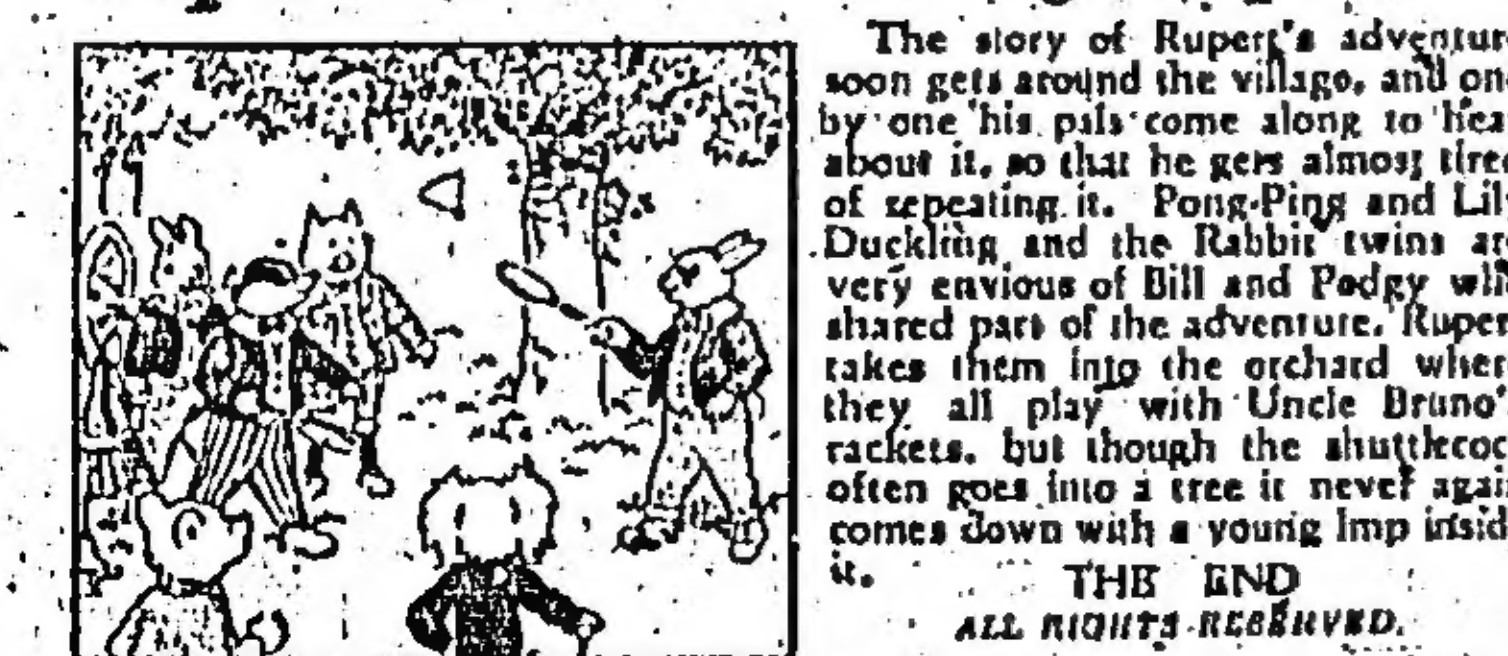
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 4 pieces.

White to play and mate in three. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q—E3, any; 2. B (d4) c5, or d4, c4, or Kt—Q, or Kt mates.

### Rupert and the Young Imp—52



Follow Rupert's new adventure, beginning on Monday in the 'Telegraph'

## John Pudney

### GUEST BOOK CRITIC

"The Slaves of Solitude," by Patrick Hamilton (Constable, 9s. 6d.)

THIS book is about Britain: it evokes lonely aunts—and what are more British, more solitary and more formally intimate with your conscience than lonely aunts?

What a nagger, though, is this Patrick Hamilton, with his wincing portraits of the drab, the unsuccessful, the half-hearted, the dis-spirited, the mediocre, all these literary bruises which linger in the reader's memory!

The talent of which he is master presents an image in a cracked mirror, a back view of ourselves in a queue, an unflattering profile after an over-enthusiastic encounter with too-wee beer or with over-starched food. Do we want to see this portrait of ourselves, this seamy side of a civilisation which we already find too seamy?

With a less skilful writer, the setting of tedium in a tedious boarding-house in a riverside resort in the winter, at a sufficiently drab period of our history when we were engaged in noble battles, shrouded by black-out and well-coming Americans, would be to invite the reader to share a sorry experience of which altogether too much is known at first hand.

Fagin, without the skill of Dickens, could be equally sorry and drab. These scenes of solitude and of timid and spiteful encounters among spinsters of both sexes, however, glow with a bizarre lustre. Here, for example, is a portrait of a woman in the piece—

"Well known to those who knew the river well, and owing to its position or some obscure tradition, singled out as the rendezvous of the well-to-do in the town itself, it had a style of its own, and to be heard of drinking in there was not altogether the same thing as to be heard of drinking elsewhere. In almost every country town nowadays there is a house, or more than one house, of this sort."

Small we wince a little and go a few pages about five years ago, had been redecorated by a new proprietor, and in such a startling manner as to give the impression of having been redecorated only yesterday—in fact, it would probably, as numerous saloon lounges all over the country do, bear prominently the stamp of redecoration.

"The house being Elizabethan in origin, a curious aim at an Elizabethan manner had been made in the way of black beams, wooden panelling, uncomfortable black chairs and tables, odd pieces of armour, suspended swords, and most indecipherable Gothic lettering over the doors. But upon this a Scottish atmosphere had been imposed."

To add to the confusion, and in destruction of the other illusions, there were two electric ball-machines (one representing, when lit and clicking, an imitation of the sport of racing-motoring, and the other of the sport of sking); a glass-enclosed machine with a chromium-plated crane, which was by natural law capable of extracting cameras, watches and wallets, but which in historical practice brought forth nothing save one or two hard, pea-like sweets; to console the operator, several green-leather, chromium-plated high stools along the bar, and a modest green carpet with whorls which put one in mind of sea-sickness. Just up the road from this lush scene dwells the paraphernalia of solitude and meanness created by Patrick Hamilton with all the weapons of sensibility, humour and irony. It is a British under-world, not, I hasten to add, criminal, but

one which lies upon the fringes of the experience of all of us, shadowed by an aspidochelone or two.

"The Chequer Board," by Nevill Shute (Heinemann, 9s. 6d.)

THIS book is about Britain, too, but another fringe, that familiar but always partly mysterious life of the small detached villa (15, Elycynth-avenue), which Shute describes as "a fairly pleasant little house" with a small front garden with a cyanotis tree and a larger back one with a lawn and a laburnum tree, and rose bushes.

The hero is a season-ticket holder: and Mr Shute exhibits him in a tarnished, rather than a cracked, mirror. The fellow is an almost painfully average man, ex-Captain John Turner, who works for Cereal Products, Ltd., a rather shabby, slightly underhand individual, who has his normality suddenly undermined by the doctors giving him a short time to live.

The threat of death causes Turner to shake off his normality, the garments of the average, the clothes of self-interest. He employs the wretched span allotted to him with a disinterested mission, a search for a handful of companions who were with him in an air crash in 1913. Some of them like himself, were making the journey back from Africa to face court-martial charges. The pilot of the crashed Hudson is Turner's main object of inquiry, which takes him off on a journey to post-war Burma, full of realism and logic.

Mr Shute's writing, when you get over the first rush of it, is very easy on the eye, as it follows the technique of a competent film. The story marches forward through the hidden fringes of the normal, and out of the suburbs to Burma and back in a series of masterly dissolves, but every detail of realism and actuality is attended to, and it must come as a shock to Mr Shute, as it did to me, to discover, on page 45, the basic rank of the Red E described as airmen (well-meaning printers do it to all of us sooner or later).

The American armed forces enter into this story with a good deal of emphasis on the problem of black versus white. Indeed, the reader will recognise many familiar wartime scenes, which intelligently point to some of the subtle and varying undertones of the British character in war and in peace which are so carelessly omitted by the glamour merchants of the subscription libraries.

A happy knack endows the story with a character which is slightly greater than life-size. It proves once again how the ordinary, the average, the season-ticket holder sitting next to you, can still, in the hands of an expert, furnish the very stuff of literature.

THE HUCKSTERS, by Frederic Wakeman. (The Falcon Press, 12s. 6d.)

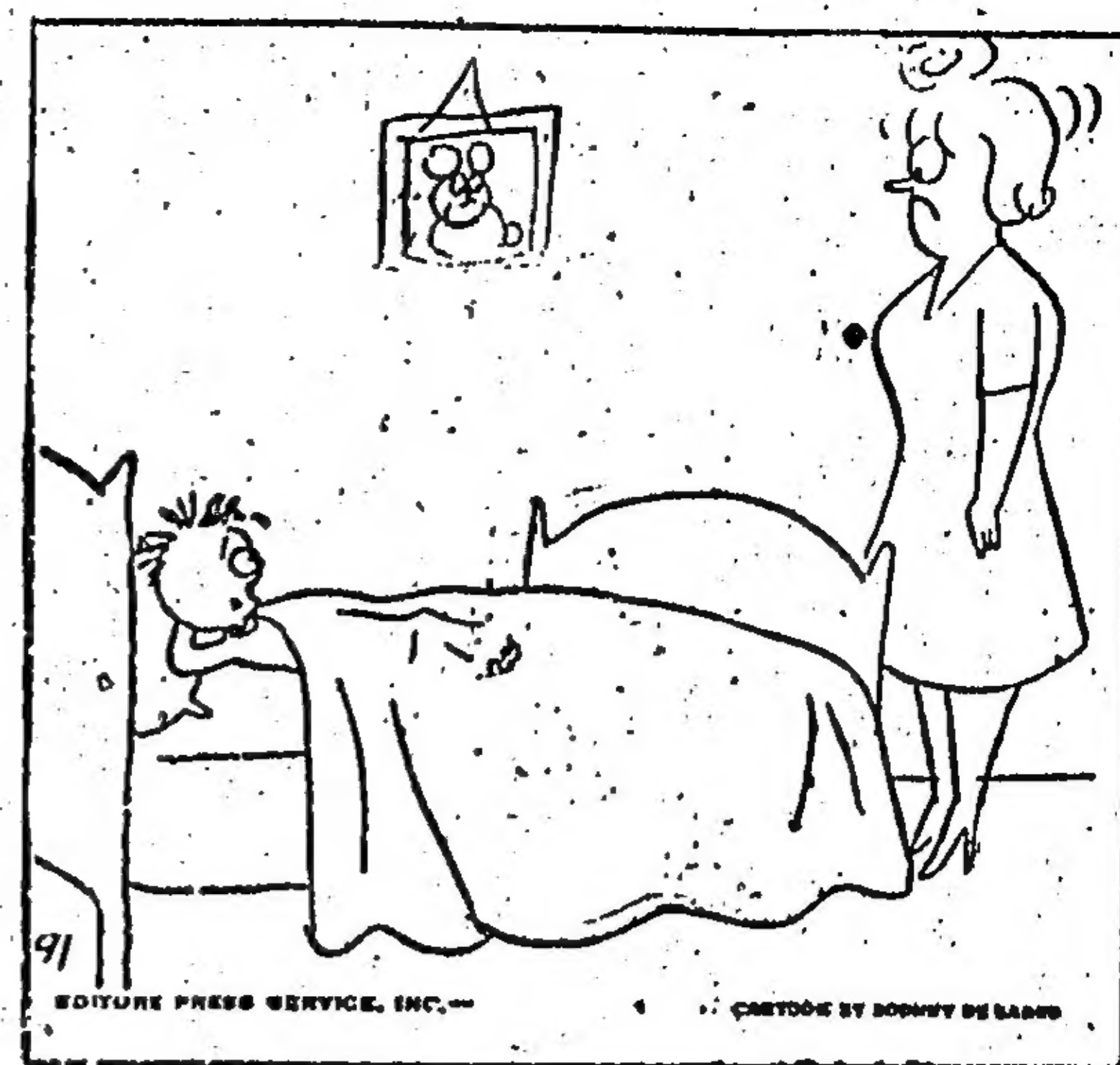
THIS book is about America, and it also portrays one of the curious fringes of the scene. Not a physically reamy side this, but a chromium-plated, air-conditioned, dressed-to-kill slicked-up, groomed-down fringe which is American commercial radio.

The story threads its way through that almost incredible backstage which is hidden from so many of us by the Great American Smile. Mr Frederic Wakeman leaves the reader in no doubt about the setting of the story:

"...and New York, more than any other place on earth, claimed him. This morning there was a tense but good feeling of being home again, and he savoured those luxurious signs of home which, even in wartime, had not disappeared from this part of the city: his part of the city, the high rent, expensive, smoggy, hustling, gossiping, drinking, convivial, show-off, East Side."

"The doorman still looked deferential and tip-hungry, the women still wore nylons, and walked little dogs."

My Oxford dictionary tells me that "huckster" is a "pedlar, hawker, mercenary person," and of course the background of this story is the mighty hawking of American commerce upon the American air.



"Tell me more about this bogey man that'll get me, is he capable of interstellar flight, or is he earthbound?"

## Priestley breaks the rules

BEVERLY BAXTER, MP  
ON  
THE THEATRE

THE London Theatre is having a great game of musical chairs. Old favourites are disappearing and new managements are rushing in like angels where wise men refuse to stay. Every night's a first night in the West End.

I hope that J. B. Priestley's "Ever Since Paradise" will prosper at the New. Here at last is a witty, unusual soufflé in place of the heavy Yorkshire Pudding of the author's Left Wing ponderosities. Here is Priestley the artist instead of Priestley the reformer, even if he is still anxious to show us that he is a bit of a lad.

It was announced from the stage that Mr Priestley had just become a grandfather, which may account for the rejuvenation that we saw on the stage. Compared to some of his recent efforts, this new production shows our author like the lively old gentleman in the liver salts advertisement who was always jumping over a stile.

### He objects

MR. PRIESTLEY does not like dramatic critics, regarding them as cumbersome Bourbons, adverse to change or novelty. Therefore when the curtain goes up for the last part of the play one of the characters says to another: "I don't see how we can make a third act out of this. At any rate the critics will say that it is not a play at all"—or words to that effect. But I refuse to be put off by this old device. "Ever Since Paradise" is a very good play indeed, even if the second act becomes so nonchalant that it seems little more than a charade.

But let me explain the technique. The curtain rises on two planes at either side of the stage, with the attractive and Carr playing one and the amusing Dennis Randall playing the other. And there they sit through the evening making up incidental music, quarrelling with each other, and even taking part in the general discussions.

Then we have Roger Livesey in his best form, which rooms from Donald Wolfit to Sid Field, and his stage wife (who is also his real one), Ursula Jeans, who is all women in one. They are a divorced couple on a basis of amicable relations. They talk about marriage; so do the married. Everybody talks about marriage, for this is what the play is about. Now and then they stop talking to each other and talk to the audience.

Behind a curtain-up-stage there is a setting which becomes a laboratory for analysing the marriage of Rosemary and Paul, two young people excellently played by Joy Shelton and Hugh Kelly. We see the pitiful, episodic little story from their first meeting to the tangled end at the divorce lawyer's. But since the episodes need more

characters than two, Mr Livesey obligingly and hilariously plays the part of Rosemary's father, Rosemary's elderly admirer, and Paul's shady City friend. Likewise, Ursula Jeans plays Paul's mother, Rosemary's spiritualist friend, and Paul's rich seductress.

If it's laughter you're after, as Mr Trinder would say, I commend the seduction scene between Rosemary and her unappealing major, and the heart-to-heart talk between Rosemary's father and niece as about the funniest things in town.

This piece breaks all the rules—and about time! It has wit, audacity and beauty as well as some slovenly longwindedness which ought to be tidied up. For the adventurous theatre-goer I heartily commend Grandfather Priestley.

### Obedient wife

I SAW "Life With Father" in New York six years ago and liked it. The play has been running there ever since and will probably, if it has not already done so, break the record of "Able's Irish Rose."

It has come to the Savoy. It is still enjoyable, although lacking, perhaps, the three essentials for complete success here—an American cast, an American audience and the American language.

Miss Sophie Stewart is quite irresistible as the obedient wife who always, has her own way, but Mr Leslie Banks lacks the wooden-headedness of the husband who insists on everything being done to suit himself.

The correct thing is that Mr Banks is too good an actor for the part—too sensitive and too intelligent.

### What's new in records

Mr. Crosby and Mr. Jolson

AL JOLSON, that remarkable entertainer, comes up again this month with "Calico Kicks," which he does as if he meant it, and "Rock-a-bye Baby," with a Dixie melody. Mr. Jolson still sings with the gusto that made him popular in the early days of talking films; he does not try to re-dress his style to suit the foibles of 1947. (Brunswick 03710.)

Dinah Crosby also produces a good new record with a version of "A Gal in Salica," and "Oh! But I Up." The excellent accompanying band is directed very well by John Scott Trotter, and the first number in the record is a most balanced close harmony and unison singing from the Calico Kids.

Mr. Crosby can still sing. It is one of the most pleasant records we have had from him for some time and it reminds me of his work some years before the war. (Brunswick 03775.)

Experience on the wax does count with the enormous record buying public. Mr. Jolson is selling in his tens of thousands, and Mr. Crosby, well, he is selling just as much as ever.

Robert Tradlenick.

## JESTS AND JEERS

It is so cold in Russia that the only thing that enjoys good circulation is propaganda.

A good line is the shortest distance between two dates.

A clever man tells a woman he understands her; a stupid one tries to prove it.

Neatly engraved card displayed in a Hollywood jewellery store bore this inscription: "Wedding Ring For Hire."

Overheard at the cocktail party: "He hasn't proposed yet, but his voice has an engagement ring in it."

Then there was the clever cat that ate cheese and breathed down the rat hole with bated breath.

Wives should remember that when a husband's words appear sharp, it may be because it's from trying to get them in edgeways.

She was an innocent appearing wide-eyed girl as she sat in the witness stand explaining it was all wrong that she had been driving without a license, disobeying traffic signals and speeding.

Even the bearded judge took a fatherly interest in her and decided to be lenient.

"Now, my dear," he said, "I'm inclined to believe you, but I want to make sure. Do you know who happens to people who tell lies is court?"

"Yes, your worship. My lawyer told me all about it."

"What did he tell you would happen if you told a lie?"

"Well, he said we might win the case."

## TRAINING IN ATOMIC ENERGY

A training school for boys and girls of 15 years and over is to be opened this month by the Ministry of Supply at the Government Atomic Energy Factory at Springfield, near Preston, England.

The training school will give boys and girls, who have studied chemistry at school, a three-month course in the chemical methods to be used at the factory. On the successful completion of the course, students will be given appointments on the factory staff.

Springfield will be used for the manufacture of uranium metal. The processes to be carried out there will consist of the refining of pitchblende concentrates, reduction to metal and the machining and finishing of uranium metal rods which will be sent elsewhere for insertion in a chain-reacting pile.

Boys and girls who are taking chemistry as one of their subjects in their school leaving examinations will be invited to take part in the work at Springfield.

It is pointed out that the programme for the production of atomic energy involves a great deal of chemical analytical work, especially in connection with the chemical examination of raw materials and finished products to be used in the "energy producing units. Although the analytical method is numerous, complicated and often messy, a great deal of valuable assistance can be given by young persons if they are properly trained and work under expert supervision.

In chemical analytical work, the most stringent medical precautions will be taken to avoid any hazard to the health of the workers. The young assistants will be encouraged to take courses in fundamental science and the more responsible duties of the assistants class or for promotion to the experimental officer class. Permanent appointments will eventually be filled by open competition. It is anticipated that about 40 students will attend each of the two courses to be held this year.

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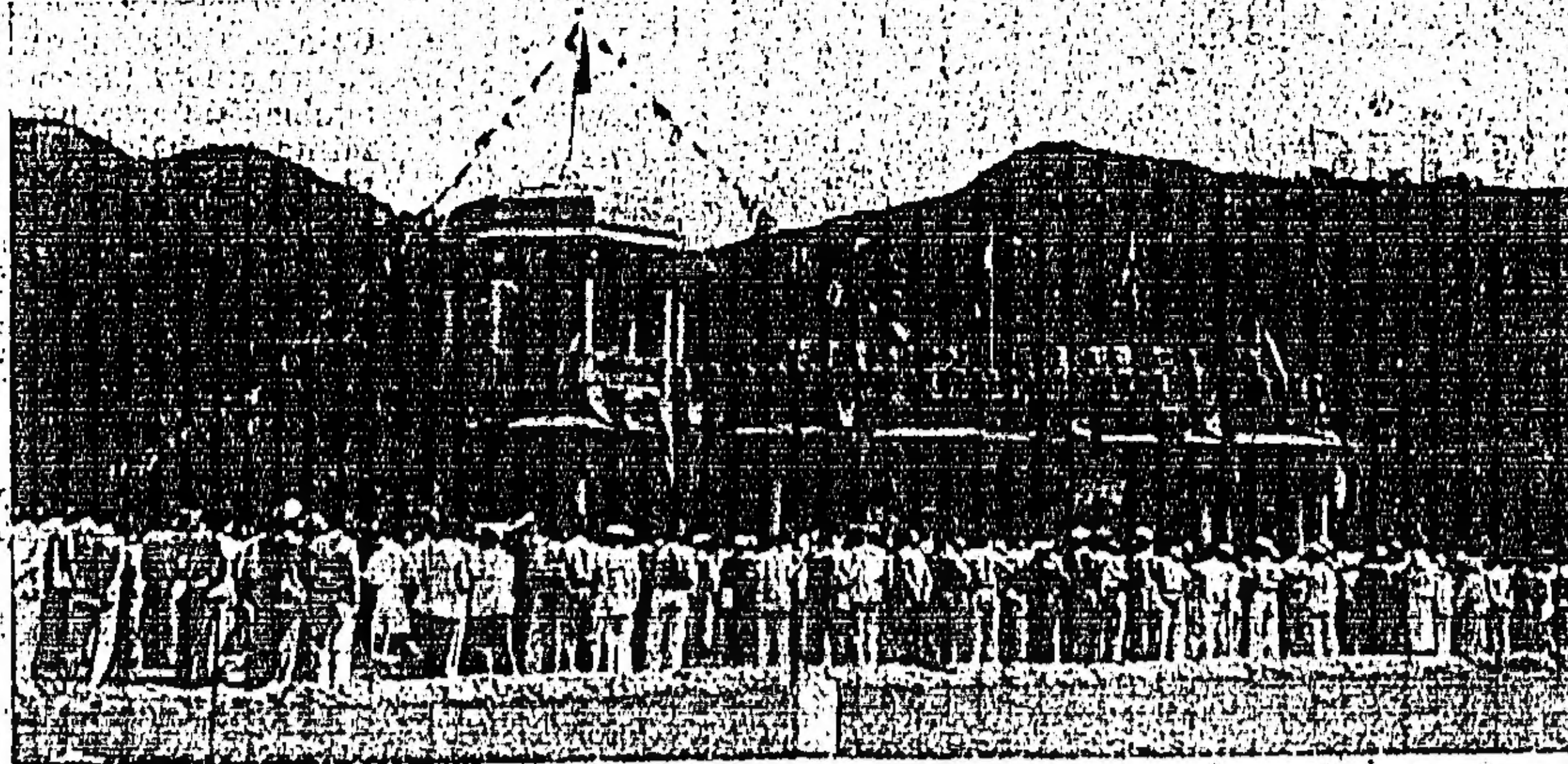
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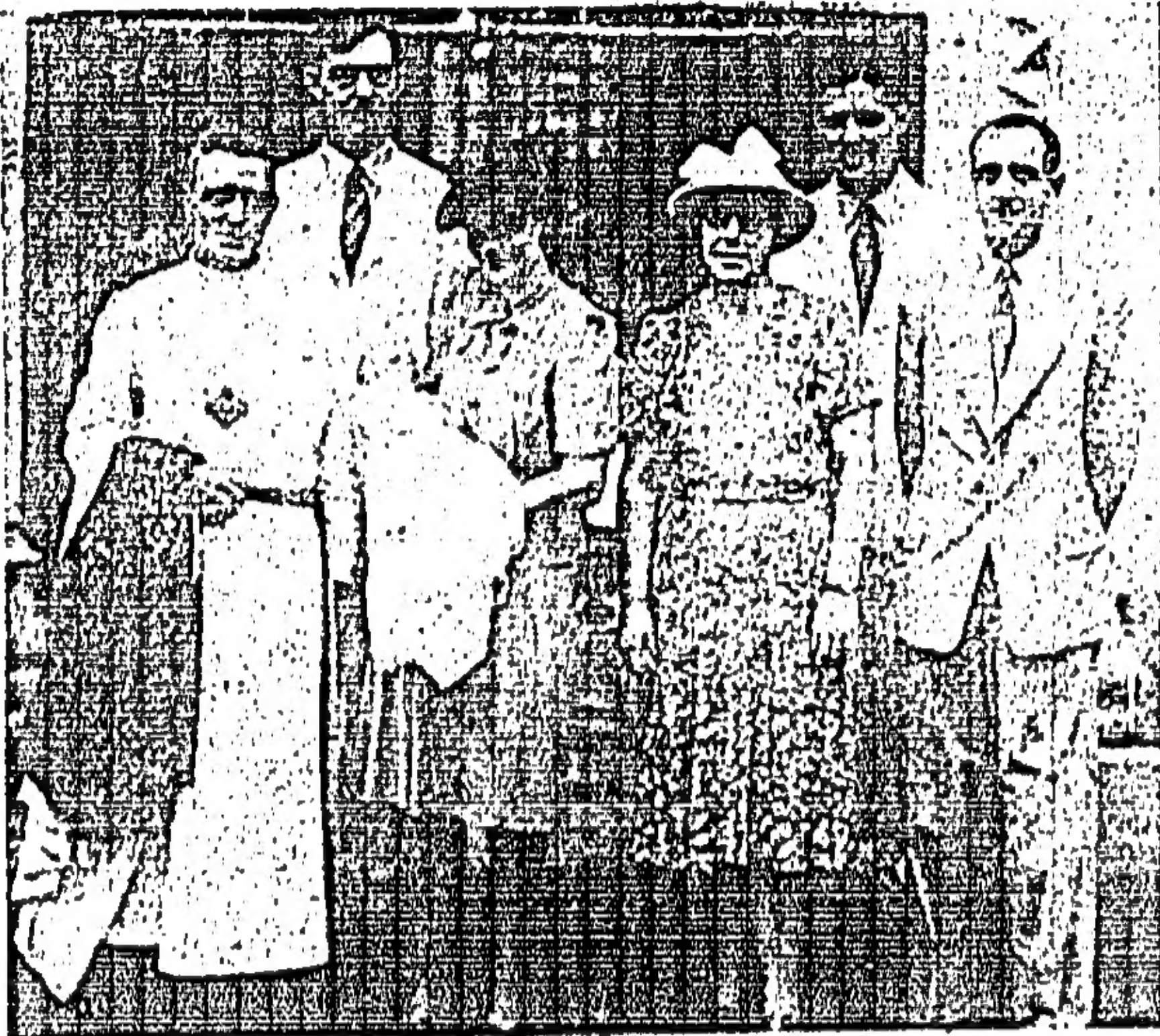
**CATHEDRAL WEDDING**—Mr and Mrs Nigel H. Hill, who were married last Saturday at St John's Cathedral, photographed with their attendants after the ceremony. The bride was formerly Miss Dorothy Moss. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



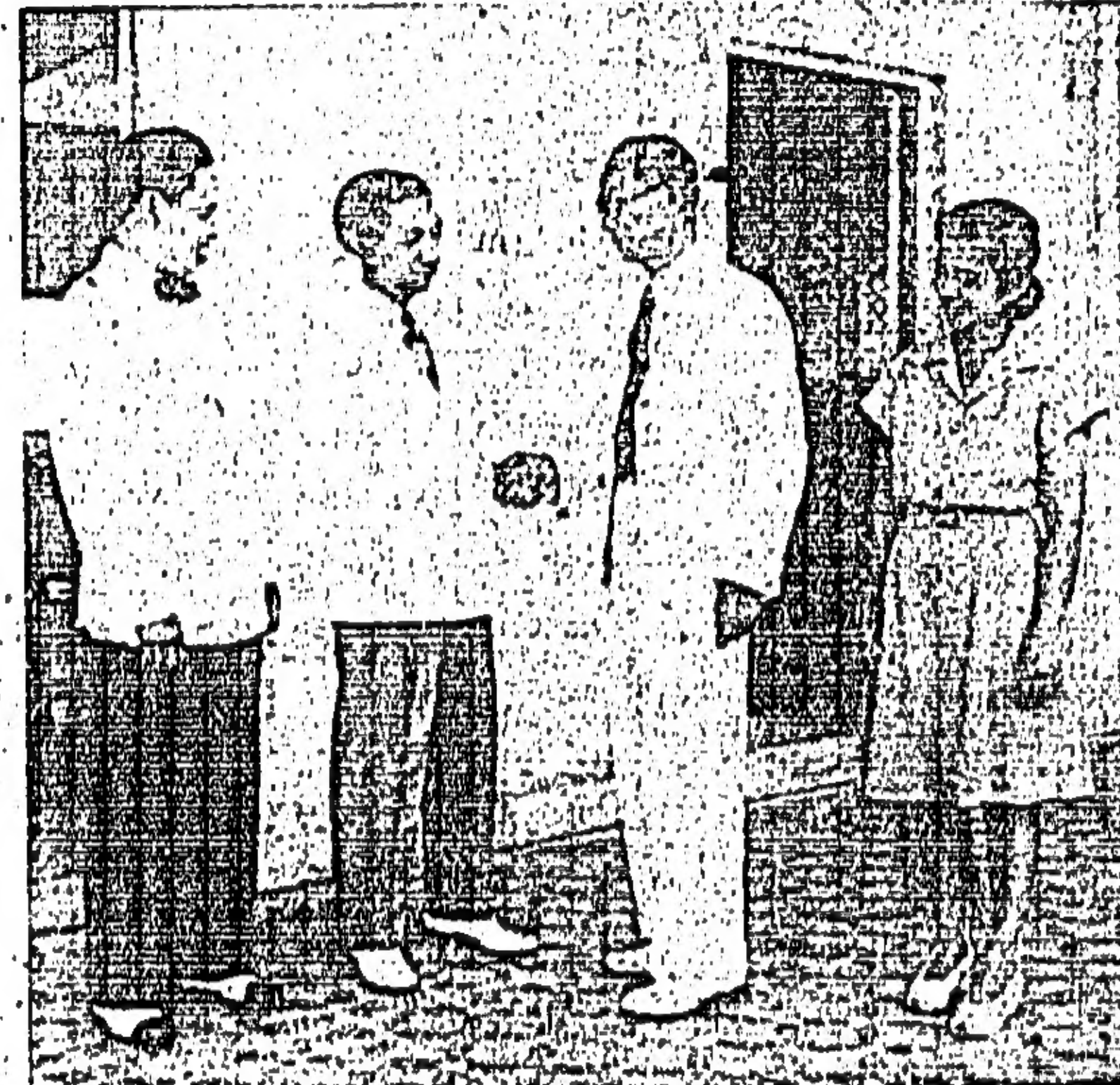
**THE INDIAN COMMUNITY** of Hongkong, comprising all sections, celebrated the inauguration of the Dominions of India and Pakistan on August 15 with a garden party at the Indian Recreation Club. Top picture gives an idea of the large crowd present; on the right is Mr H. T. Barma, secretary of the 'Independence Celebration' Committee. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



**HONGKONG'S** representatives to the Southeast Asia International Social Welfare Conference currently being held in Singapore—left to right: Mr C. N. Li, Relief Officer, Medical Department; Miss Scott Moncrieff, Secretary of the Hongkong Social Welfare Council; Miss Watson, Almoner, Medical Department. Picture was taken before they left by BOAC plane last week. (Photo: Mayfair Studio)



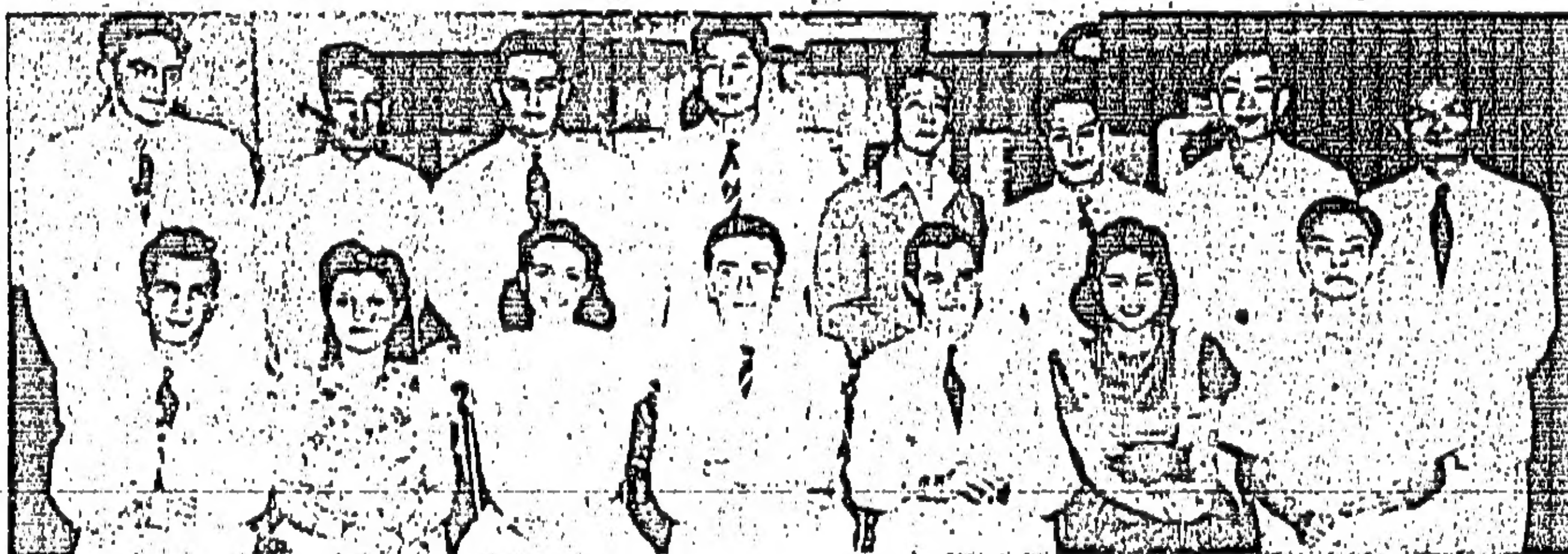
**PICTURE** taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral last Sunday of Peter Anthony Kerr, infant son of Mr and Mrs L. P. Haynes. (Photo: Mao Cheung)



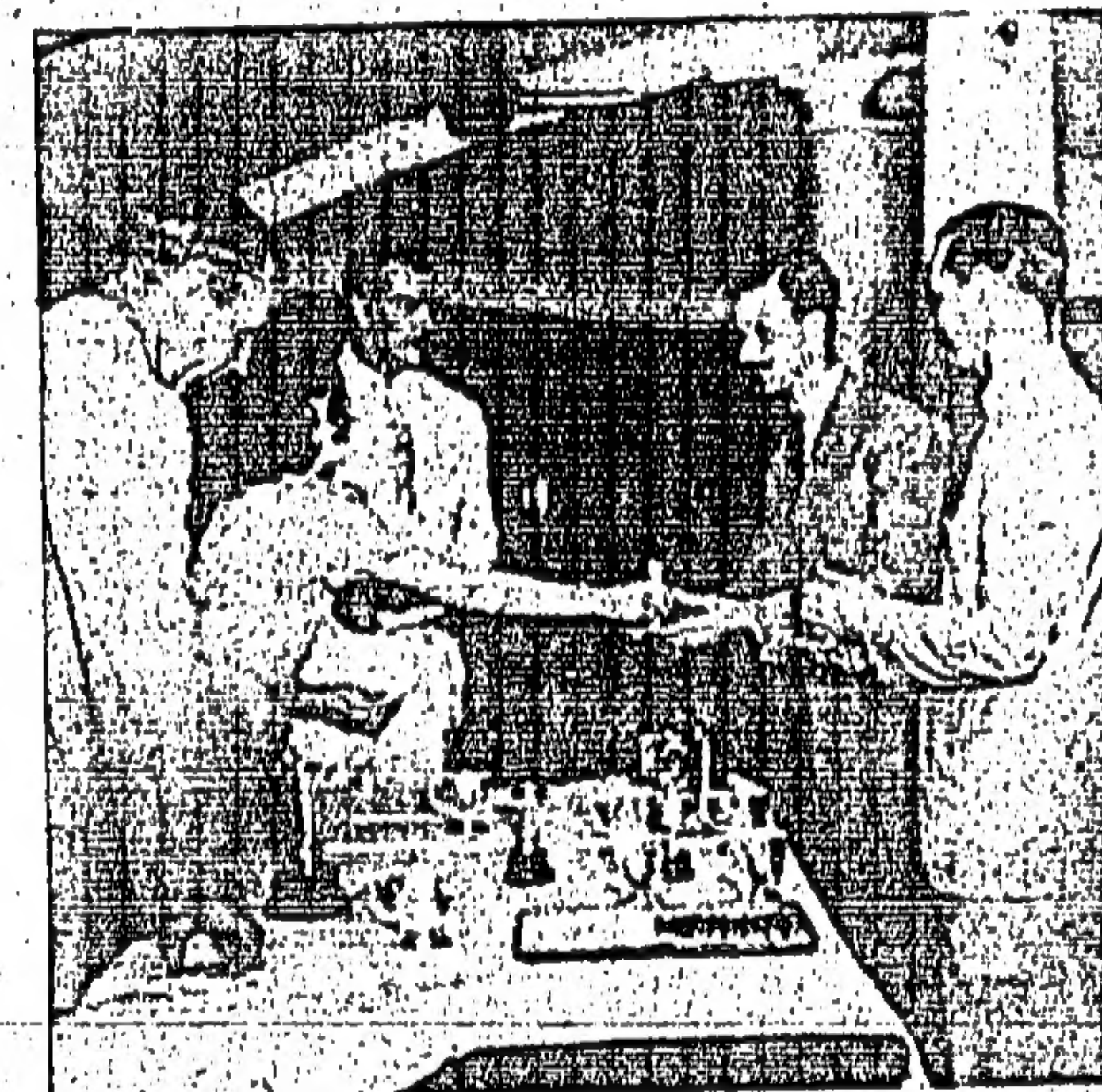
**THE PRESIDENT** of the Filipino Club, Dr V. N. Atienza (second from right), greeting the Philippines Vice-Consul, Mr Bojasa, at the latter's new office at King's Park. (Photo: Victor Studio)



**THE COMMISSIONER** of Inland Revenue, Mr E. W. Pudney (second from right), soon with reporters at his press conference last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**REUNION**—At left, staff of the Optorg Company (Malaya) Ltd., who held a reunion dinner recently at the Kam Ling Restaurant. (Photo: Golden Studio)



**PRIZES** for the year were distributed at the Hongkong Cricket Club on Monday. There was a large attendance of members and friends, including HE the Governor and Lady Grantham. Sir Alexander is seen in the right-hand picture conversing with Mr H. Owen Hughes and a guest. Above left: Miss Joan Mitchell giving away the prizes. (Photos: Ming Yuen)

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**KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB** held another successful cocktail party and dance last Saturday. The Clubhouse is now fully rehabilitated, and a series of social functions is being arranged. (Photo: Francis Wu)

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## Unrealistic Trade Charter

Geneva, Aug. 22.—Mr Wunsz King, head of the Chinese delegation, said at the International Trade Conference here today, when the draft world trade charter was considered, that the time had come "for some plain speaking on the charter."

Mr Wunsz King said it was an excellent idea to make the charter broad enough to accommodate the divergent views, but he found it difficult to understand how the maintenance of some of the existing trade barriers is to be tolerated on realistic grounds, when in the same breath, all future restrictive measures of a similar character are to be discharged or prohibited altogether.

After referring to China's adverse balance of payments and the delay in implementing her reconstruction plan, Mr Wunsz King said that China "would like to have the opportunity of examining more carefully these provisions of the draft charter which might increase instead of mitigating her present difficulties."

He was speaking at the plenary session of the Preparatory Committee to which the draft charter was being submitted for adoption prior to presentation to the World Trade Conference at Havana in November.

The chairman, M. Max Sueters, (Belgium) said there would be complete freedom of discussion at the world conference but he hoped it would not introduce "unacceptable alterations" in the text.—Reuter.

## WEDEMAYER'S SEARCH

New York, Aug. 22.—The New York Herald-Tribune's editorial today said there "seems little doubt that Gen Wedemeyer is still seeking what American representatives in China have sought so long—the creation of a national government Washington could support with enthusiasm instead of extreme reluctance."

The editorial added: "While China's best officials are able men of unquestionable integrity, there still are far too many scoundrels in power. Unless there is a marked change in this picture, it would be difficult for any well-informed American in China to recommend large-scale assistance for the Chinese Government—regardless of the dislike of Americans for the Communist opponents of the Generalissimo and regardless of the long standing tendency of this country to be pro-Chinese.—United Press.

## Letters To The Editor

### "Our Radio Stations"

Sir,—Your comment on "Our Radio Stations" deserves eulogy. It was pertinent and timely criticism. What passes as music over the air would "make the angels weep" and mortals moan. How some of these alleged "artists" ever obtained admission into a studio alone passes one's comprehension. And yet—there is real talent in England, Scotland and Wales even today.

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## Five Nations In Race For Antarctic

Cambridge, Aug. 22.—Five nations will send expeditions to the Antarctic this year, according to a United Press survey. Two other countries are considering to send exploration groups south, and an additional two are working on major expeditions for the following season.

## U.S. DETAINS CHINESE G.I. WIVES

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—The American Civil Liberties Union today charged that Chinese wives and children of American war veterans had been held incommunicado for months by the immigration authorities, and asked Attorney-General Tom C. Clark for immediate investigation.

The Union said husbands had not been permitted to see their wives and children since their arrival on July 3.

The Chief of the Immigration District Legal Division admitted the situation.

It "looks bad," he said but explained that his office was short-staffed and was "constantly trying" to process immigrants as fast as possible.

He said at present there were about 150 Chinese, including 30 children detained, most of whom claim dependents on veterans. About 600 arrive monthly, he said, and cases were complicated by lack of marriage and birth records in China.—United Press.

## JAPAN SILK OUTPUT UP

Tokyo, Aug. 22.—The production of silk has expanded from approximately 2,000 bales in January 1946, to approximately 10,000 bales monthly during the first half of 1947, Mr Robert A. Hickerson, chief of the silk branch of the Textile Division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section, said.

He said fabric production climbed to 4,000,000 yards monthly compared with production levels of 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 yards monthly during most of 1946.

Mr Hickerson pointed out the pre-war production of raw silk reached 60,000 bales monthly in peak years, while the production of silk fabrics averaged about 40,000,000 yards monthly.

These figures were revealed as SCAP announced the transfer of its control over silk to the Japanese Government through the removal of the "freeze" ordered at the beginning of the occupation in September 1945.

Japanese authorities will now determine disposition to both the export and domestic markets of all stockpiles and the production of raw and mixed silk and their products under any other forms of silk.—United Press.

## America's New Strategy

Lake Success, Aug. 22.—The United States will fight the major phase of its global diplomatic duel with Russia at the impending meeting of the General Assembly, an authoritative American source said today.

The strategy will be to try to transfer United Nations power from the Security Council, where Russia is protected by veto, to the General Assembly where present world balance gives the West an almost perpetual two-thirds majority.

One by one, American diplomats and their supporters are switching docked issues from the Council to the Assembly.

American sources said United States inability to get past veto cases like the Balkans turmoil was the reason for increased American reliance on the Assembly, which can serve as a powerful influence on international politics despite its inability to do more than recommend.—United Press.

## AUSTRALIA AND THE VETO

Lake Success, N.Y., Aug. 22.—Australia, leading critic of the alleged misuse of the Big Power veto in the Security Council, today formally submitted for inclusion in the General Assembly supplementary agenda a request that the previous Assembly resolution on the veto question be reviewed.

The Australian request also asked the General Assembly—which meets at Flushing Meadows on September 16—to review the "extent to which the recommendations contained in that resolution have been carried out."

The small-nations' attack on the Security Council veto threatened to become a major issue at the Assembly meeting, following recent Soviet vetoes this week.—Reuter.

The British scientific ship, *Tropasey*, returned to England in mid-July and will sail for the South Pole after a rest, or another vessel will be sent in her place with relief personnel for the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey.

In addition, the United States, Argentina, Chile and Australia will have parties out. New Zealand and South Africa are considering to send out new expeditions.

In the 1946-47 season the novel British-Norwegian-Swedish party, first international Antarctic expedition in history, will probe a new sector of the frozen continent.

Much attention has been focused on this plan. The party will be led by the famed Norwegian explorer, Major Gen. Hjalmar Riiser-Larsen, who probably knows the Antarctic as well as any man. It will include a wintering party of 14 scientists and two Catalina flying boats and a light liaison-type plane.

### Swift Expedition

The most interesting part of present plans is the intention to winter about 200 kilometres (some 120 miles) inland from the Queen Maud Land coast, in a region which is perhaps the most fascinating yet discovered in Antarctica. It was found by German fliers in 1938.

Dr Brian Roberts, of the Scott Polar Research Institute here, said in an interview that the Germans sent a swift expedition to the Antarctic that year to forestall Norwegian claims to a sector of the continent. Nazi fliers dropped swastikas in that area during a fortnight spent by the expedition along the coast.

Inland they found and photographed an immense ice-free area, somewhat similar to the "lands of lakes" discovered in Knox Land and Ingrid Christensen Land last year by Admiral Richard E. Byrd's American naval expedition. Although the Germans found no fresh waters, they photographed some "fossil" lakes and some inland shelf ice.

Apparently there had been lakes there, Dr Roberts thought. They were frozen when the Germans sent them, and perhaps were perpetually frozen—hence the description "fossil" lakes. The inland ice, he thought, showed where the surrounding ice had melted and fresh water frozen along its rim. There would be plenty of water from an ice cap two miles thick in places.

The region has never been seen from the ground. It will be the centre of the three-nation expedition, and scientists everywhere are impatiently awaiting a full report on the region. It will be the first time any party has wintered inland from the Antarctic coast.

### Seven Parties

Britain has seven parties, totalling some 30 men, working in the Graham Land sector, and these parties will be reinforced this year. The Chileans have one party at Deception Island, and Argentina's one at Laurie Island, in the South Orkneys, both in the Graham Land sector. The Americans have a party under Lt. Col. Finn Ronne adjacent to a British group at Marguerite Bay, Graham Land. Rome will probably return to the United States about mid-March, and the Chilean and Argentine parties may be relieved, or the personnel changed, this season.

The Australians, launching a five-year plan of Antarctic exploration in their huge sectors of the continent—largest holdings of any nation—will establish a base on Macquarie Island this season and one on the continent the following season.

This year's expedition, under Group Captain Stuart Campbell, will make reconnaissance flights to Antarctica. A five-nation sea voyage will take the pack ice off the coast preparatory to next year's major undertakings.

Sheep-Raising Prospect  
Macquarie Island, some 900 miles south of Tasmania, has unique flora and once was the home of a species of flightless parrot. It is uninhabited now, but Australians think it might be good for sheep raising. At any rate, it will be a state for a permanent weather station, to be manned during the first year by eight men.

A New Zealand expedition, if it materialises, will go to the Ross Dependency which includes the Ross Sea and Ross Ice Barrier, all of which is claimed by New Zealand. A South African expedition also has been discussed and, if sent out, would make for Enderby Land, or Van Swablen Land. The South Africans have formed an Antarctic Research Committee, and are interested in joining the British-Scandinavian expedition in 1948-50.

### Assembly Summoned

Sofia, Aug. 22.—An extraordinary session of the Bulgarian Grand National Assembly, which was adjourned on June 20 for the summer vacation until September 16, has been summoned for next Sunday. It was officially announced here today.

The announcement did not mention the nature of the agenda.—Reuter.

### POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



## American Programme In Korea

Washington, Aug. 22.—The United States has, virtually abandoned all hope of settling the dispute with Russia in Korea, and is rushing plans to bolster the economy of the American occupied zone as the only recourse left to combat Soviet delays in the unification of the country, it was learned today.

Officials said the temper of the economy minded 80th Congress, coupled with a faint hope that an agreement on Korea could be worked out with Russia, caused a postponement of the multi-million dollar Korean reconstruction programme, but Moscow's failure to reply to Secretary of State George Marshall's request for a report on the stalemate U.S.-Soviet negotiations had made the issue "crystal clear."

They said the Administration would speed plans to present to Congress early next year a Korean programme which may cost up to \$100,000,000 in the first year.

The sources also indicated that the Army's \$137,000,000 Korean occupation budget for the current fiscal year might be increased, pending Congressional action on additional assistance to Korea.

Meanwhile, it is learned that a search is under way for a top-flight civilian to take over direction of the United States zone from the military.—United Press.

## FLOUR FOR GREECE

Athens, Aug. 22.—Greek and American officials welcomed a cargo of flour, representing the first post-UNRRA relief shipment, in a ceremony at a dock at Piraeus today.

Premier Maximos, in a speech, said America always had been the champion of freedom and democratic ideals, and "the United States has always encouraged aspirations towards liberty and independence in other nations and has given substantial aid and support to those who are struggling for those ideals."

He said he was convinced American aid would enable the Greeks to "heal the wounds of war, enemy occupation and Communist rebellion."

Mr Dwight Griswold, of the American mission, meanwhile announced that foreign trade administration for close control of exports and imports had been established, comprising three Greeks and two members of the mission, Philip Marantz and John Howard.

The military authorities reported that guerrillas last night attacked Avanda, 60 kilometres from Alexandropolis near the Turkish border, but the Army drove them off.—United Press.

## Tried To Sail To Canada In Smack

Cheshire, Aug. 22.—"A mad attempt" to sail to Canada in a 37-foot long fishing smack, was described here today when John Tallantyre, 19 years old, Richard Wilson, 24 years old and Edgar Daniel, of no fixed address, were accused of stealing a fishing smack and various articles from other boats at New Brighton.

Daniel was placed on probation on condition that he rejoined the army and the other two men elected to stand trial.

The prosecution told how after setting out to sea, the fishing smack's compass bearings failed and the three men drifted about until caught by a speedboat containing two CID officers.

The defending counsel said that Daniel came out of the army recently, became bored and restless and welcomed a chance of getting out of the country to do something exciting.

Apparently the three men hoped to get to Canada and start a fishing business.—Reuter.

## Indonesia Disclaims Acts Of Terrorism

Jogjakarta, Aug. 22.—In an official memorandum to the Chinese Government, the Republic of Indonesia disclaims all responsibility for acts of aggression and terrorism committed against Chinese nationals after the Republican civil and military administrations have been withdrawn from certain places, especially when such places are "in the enemy hands."

The memorandum, according to the Indonesian news agency Antara, said the best guarantee of safety for Chinese and people of Chinese descent would be the sending of an official Chinese Government representative.

## NO REVIEW OF PETKOV SENTENCE

Sofia, Aug. 22.—Russia today rejected an Anglo-American demand for the Allied Control Commission to review the death sentence given by a Bulgarian Court to the Opposition leader, Nikola Petkov.

Russia refused to sanction Commission action on the grounds that it would be interference in the internal affairs of Bulgaria.

An American note handed on Monday to Lt. Gen. Alexander Chierpanov, Soviet Acting Chairman of the Commission, called Petkov's death sentence an apparent "gross miscarriage of justice," and asked the Soviet Union to instruct the Bulgarian Government to suspend the sentence pending Allied review.

Britain submitted a similar demand.

Petkov was convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the Communist-dominated government. No date was announced for his execution.—United Press.

## THEY'RE OFF TO HAMBURG

Paris, Aug. 22.—The three British ferries weighed anchor off Port du Bouc, South France, at 5.20 p.m. GMT today—20 minutes after the expiration of the landing ultimatum to the 4,500 Jewish Exodus immigrants aboard—and sailed for Hamburg, according to reports here.

Last-minute attempts were made to persuade the British Government to change its mind.

The refugees on board one of the ships, the *Rummende Park*, addressed an appeal to President Truman asking him to intervene.—Reuter.

## Police Reserve

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders No. 23 of 1947.

Charge-room Duties: Members of No. 2 Company, as detailed by their Company Commander will parade for Charge Room Duties as ordered. Dress: Uniform.

Search Party Duties: Members of No. 2 Company, as detailed by their Company Commander will parade at the Station specified in their Warning Notice must report fifteen minutes before the hour of commencement of duty, to draw arms and to receive special instructions from the officer-in-charge of the party. Dress: Uniform.

Drill Parades: Members of No. 3 Company and the H.K.P. (R) Band, will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Drill. Time and date will be posted up at the Headquarters and Club. Band Practice: Members of the H.K.P. Band will parade at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters every Wednesday and Sunday at 18.00 hours and 11.00 hours respectively for parade under Mr. A. W. Apps (Bandmaster).

Identification Cards: Identification Cards are now ready for members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies. Members are requested to apply personally for same from Mr. J. C. Chan (Secretary) at the Headquarters. They are also requested to return their Temporary Identification Cards for this new card. This card will be issued as from Monday, 22nd instant.

Revolver Shooting: All members of the H.K.P. (R) Force who have failed in their Revolver Shooting Course, and those who have not yet fired their course will parade at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range, on Saturday, 23rd August, 1947 at 14.30 hours sharp (weather permitting) to fire and pass their course in Revolver Firing. C. I. (R) Chau Ching (Instructor) will be in charge. Strict range discipline must be maintained. No private revolvers will be allowed at the Firing Range.

Appointments: C. I. (R) Tse Chi On will be appointed temporarily as Officer-in-charge of No. 3 Company in concurrently to his post as C. I. (R) Headquarters as from 5th August, 1947.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m. registered and parcel posts will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

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Manila, P.I., Ceylon, India, East and South Africa (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Formosa via Takao (Sea) Noon.  
Brisbane, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Canton and Kowloon (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Sunday, August 24  
Canton (Sea) 9 a.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.  
Canton, Kowloon, Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, Kuning & Calcutta (Air) 10 a.m.

Kongmoon (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Monday, August 25  
Manila, P.I. (Air) 9.30 a.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 11 a.m.  
Hainan (Sea) Noon.  
Swatow and Foochow (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.  
USA, Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Saigon (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 26  
Amoy, Foochow and Tientsin (Formosa) (Air) 9.30 a.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok, Nanking and Calcutta (Sea) Noon.

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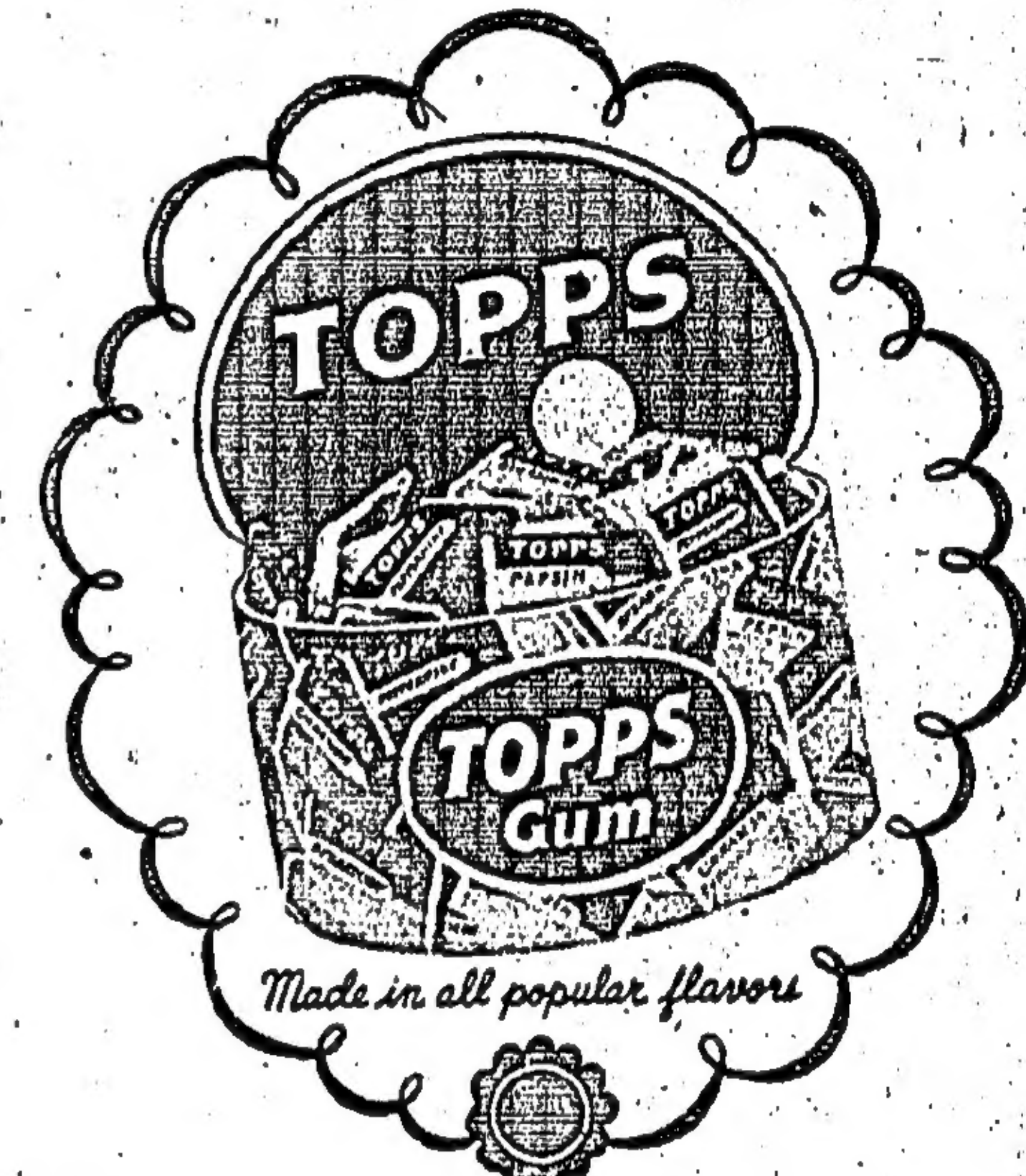
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